

as its communications seaward are open all the year round, the shipments might be effected thence at any period, and to any point, as markets might offer inducements.

8.—A Railroad is in contemplation that will connect Louisburg with the vast arterial system of railroad communication that traverses the continent of North America, and will make it the Eastern Terminus of the great Intercolonial Railroad of Canada. The missing link (less than 90 miles) once supplied, a passenger from Europe landing at Louisburg might step from the Atlantic steamer into a railway carriage which would convey him to any place in North America. This will be accomplished before long, and then Louisburg will form an important point of contact between the new and the old world.

Information for Captains.

Louisburg Harbour is situate on the S.E. side of Cape Breton Island, to the Westward of Scatari Island, and is very easy of ingress and egress. Be careful to avoid the Nag's Head, a sunken rock on the starboard hand going in, having only three feet on it at low water. There is a buoy placed outside of this rock; and, standing on the Point immediately inside of it, is a high flag staff lately erected and visible from a long distance at sea. The East part of the harbour is the safest. Water is plentiful here, but wood is scarce. The entrance to the harbour is half a mile wide. The port side going in is the boldest.

Louisburg light stands on the north side of the entrance to the harbour, 60 fathoms in shore on Lighthouse Point. It shows a first class catoptric fixed light, elevated 85 feet, visible 18 miles, and in order to distinguish it from the other lighthouses, and to render it conspicuous when the