
progress has been made with the work during the past season, but owing to unfavorable weather the contractor has been unable to place the iron caisson on the reef, and the work will consequently not be completed until next season. A lightship has been maintained on the reef during the past season by Mr. George Campbell, of Windsor, under contract with the Department.

A further appropriation having been made by Parliament towards the erection of the lighthouse on Port Credit, Lake Ontario, to which reference was made in the Report of last year, tenders were invited for the work and the contract awarded to Mr. Roderick Cameron, of Lancaster, for the sum of \$1,500. Mr. Cameron has completed his contract, and the light will be put in operation on the opening of navigation next season. The cost of this work will appear in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

An appropriation having been made by Parliament for the erection of beacon lights on the Upper Ottawa, tenders were invited for the construction of six beacons between Aylmer and Des Joachims, and the contract awarded to Mr. John E. Askwith, of New Edinburgh, for the sum of \$900. This contract has lately been completed, and the lights will be shown on the opening of navigation next spring.

Tenders were invited during the past season for the construction of two new range light towers at Owen Sound, to replace the old towers erected by the municipality of Owen Sound, which had become unserviceable, and the contract was awarded to Mr. Fred Brown, of Owen Sound, for the sum of \$745. The work is being proceeded with.

Plans are being prepared and tenders will be invited in due course for the construction of a new lighthouse on Mississagua Island, Lake Huron, and also for a lighthouse on Hope Island, Georgian Bay,

During the past season a temporary lighthouse has been maintained by the Department on Victoria Island, Lake Superior, but the great increase of navigation in Lake Superior may render the establishment of a permanent light necessary on this Island.

In addition to the ordinary repairs to the lighthouses in this Division, considerable expenditure has been incurred during the past season in building new breakwaters for the protection of the lighthouses on Bois Blanc Island and Pelee Island, Lake Erie, in the erection of a new iron lantern on the lighthouse at Scotch Bonnet Island, Lake Ontario; in the erection of a new oil shed and kitchen at Goderich Light Station, and in repairing the lighthouse on Manitoulin Island, Mississagua Straits.

During the past season two beacons, each consisting of a wooden screen, 16 feet square, elevated 14 feet above the ground, and painted white, with a black stripe down the middle, have been established at the foot of the rapids on Lamson's or