

APPENDIX.

SHEPODY HARBOUR,

Inside of Grindstone Island, is capacious and safe, having from its southern extremity at Mary's Point to the mouth of Shepody River, a harbour line of two miles in length, by upwards of half a mile wide, with from two and a half to full five fathoms water at *lowest spring tides*. Inside the Lighthouse and Mary's reef it is protected from all winds except due S.W., which, however, causes *no swell*, the reef *beating down the roughest sea*. The only swell in the harbour is from S.E., but is never sufficient to be cause of danger to the smallest craft. A lighter laden with deals has been known to ride out the severest gale in perfect safety.

Shepody is the only low water harbour and place of refuge above St. John. The anchorage is excellent. There is but little run of tide or drift ice in the harbour; the strength of tide and run of ice being outside Grindstone Island into and out of the Petitcodiac and Memramcook rivers. All persons acquainted with the navigation of the Bay are of opinion that the erection of the wharves and piers necessary for the business of the Albert Railway will render Shepody Harbour perfectly safe and free from ice at all seasons. Vessels lie safely at the wharves at Mary's Point, and depart thence during all months of the year.

The facilities which Shepody Harbour presents as an *ocean outlet* of the railway system of the *Dominion of Canada*, and as an *entrepôt* for the business of the vast interior; for manufacturing (being in the immediate vicinity of *large coal-fields*), for *shipbuilding*, for *shipping*; for building breakwaters, piers, wharves, &c., cannot be surpassed, if equalled, at any other port in the Bay of Fundy. The supply of wood and stone on the spot and in the vicinity is practically unlimited.

Statement of CAPTAIN ROBERT RUSSELL.

I am a native of Shepody, County of Albert, and now in my sixtieth year. I have followed the sea since I was twelve years of age. I commanded a vessel