

light-houses and fog alarms have been put. Formerly from Trinity Bay to Red Island many wrecks occurred, and the loss of life was very great indeed. Since the establishment of Seven Islands, Egg Island, Portneuf Light-houses, Manicouagan Shoals, and Red Island Reef Light-ships and fog alarms, for years past, but few wrecks have taken place on the North Shore.

It was on Egg Island that eight heavily laden British transports, on the night of the 22nd August, 1711, were stranded and over two thousand corpses strewed the beach of the Island and the mainland shore, when the vessel sent down there by the French to save property arrived. The neighbourhood is known as La Pointe aux Anglais. Mr. Lemoine gives notes from Sir Hoverton Walker's Journal of this ill-fated expedition in his very interesting book, *The Chronicles of the St. Lawrence*. When I visited Egg Island last summer with His Excellency the Governor-General, we were shown an old cannon, taken out of the sand from this place, belonging to some of the unfortunate vessels, it was perfectly honey-combed; on a bright, clear day, they are often seen lying at the bottom of the sea, and I expect one up next season which I shall present to this Society's Museum.

The Department of Marine is about erecting other lights and fog alarms on the coast, to further complete its system.

I cannot close my remarks without speaking of another branch of service which has also called for the prompt and generous action of the Provincial as well as the Federal Governments. The poor fisherman, living far away from the civilized world, often suffers severely from the vicissitudes his precarious calling exposes him to, and I cannot better illustrate this than to relate to you some facts connected with a mission I was entrusted in 1868.

In the early part of the fall of that year, the then Governor General, Lord Monk, received a letter from the Captain of H. M. S. "Spinx," who had just returned from a cruise to