

The extension of the telegraph system to the islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is the project of the Hon. P. Fortin, M.P., under whose supervision it is being carried forward to completion. In a letter of his, recently published, it is stated that a red buoy has been placed off Heath Point (Anticosti), in seven fathoms of water, to enable the mail steamers to touch there and send forward the latest news in advance. In this way a day will be gained on Father Point. This buoy is understood to have been located at the suggestion of Sir Hugh Allan.

Mr. Fortin further states that, when the north shore telegraph line shall have been completed to Point Amour, the east point of the Bay of Forteau, at the narrowest part of the Straits of Belle Isle, it will be practicable to land despatches, private messages, lists of passengers, &c., from the in-coming mail steamers *within five days' time from Moville*. This achievement will establish the great superiority of the St. Lawrence route for all purposes, as contrasted with the much longer voyages via United States ports.

