

2. A light-house on the Bird Rocks. The Magdalen Islands where these are situated, are the most dangerous group in the Gulf, and at present there is nothing to mark their position.

3. As there is no other harbor in this part of the Gulf but Gaspé Basin, to which vessels can run for shelter, and as there is a large fleet annually bound to it, I strongly advise the placing a light-ship on Sandy Beach in Gaspé Bay. Until this is done the weather frequently renders it difficult, not to say impossible, to enter the harbor, which for the reasons given above should be made as easy as possible.

4. A light-house on Cap Chatte, in the River, is wanted by vessels on the South side.

5. Light-ships on Manicouagan Shoals and Red Island Reef should mark two of the most dangerous spots in the River.

Mariners are so frequently troubled by fogs and snowstorms in the Saint Lawrence that this coast requires, above all others, to be well lighted.

*Delaney and others.*—Our coasts are very dangerous. We have no means of indicating danger. We suggest the establishing of light-houses on Isle d'Entrée and the east point of our Island.

*J. W. I. Fox.*—The coasts of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, and especially of the Magdalen Islands, are full of dangers, impeding the navigation. Reefs, sand-banks, rocks and shoals extend in every direction, and currents prevail which are very deceiving and dangerous to the navigator both day and night, and fogs are of more frequent occurrence now than they were some 20 years ago.

One of the principal dangers in the Gulf, and one much dreaded by mariners, is at the Bird Rocks and reefs situate in the immediate track of vessels bound from Europe to Quebec, Montreal and other ports, and on which ship-wreck very frequently occurs. At this place there is neither light, fog whistles or gun, to warn the mariner of his approach during darkness, fog or stormy weather. Many valuable ships and cargoes have been lost here during the past few years, which a light and signal gun would have prevented.

I consider the erection of a light-house on the Bird Rocks of paramount importance to the interests of the navigation of the St. Lawrence and the Dominion generally. It ought to have been built many years ago.

Light-houses are placed on the Island of Anticosti and at Cape Rosier. Others are required on Cape Ray, N. F., the Bird Rocks and Deadman's Island, Magdalen Islands; Cape Chatte, North Shore of St. Lawrence; and light-ships off Sandy Beach, Gaspé Bay; and on Manicouagan Shoals and Red Island Reef, River St. Lawrence.

*Bourque and others.*—Our coasts and rivers are dangerous. No light-houses, &c. One required on Bird Rocks, one on West Point of Amherst Island, and another on Entry Island.

*Riverin.*—Our coasts are dangerous in bad weather as there is a deviation of the compass, especially in an east wind and south-west wind from Trinity Bay to the Seven Isles. The current there sets to the north not less than three knots, and the directions give us three knots southerly. This however happens only occasionally and never in fine weather. A revolving light ought to be placed on Egg Island, with a gun, to enable vessels approaching the coast to avoid the dangers between — point and Trinity Bay. Another ought to be placed within White Bank afloat in a flat bottomed vessel which would take the ground.

*Sirois.*—The north coast and that of Labrador, are in different places very dangerous. The only light-house on that side of the Gulf is at Pointe des Monts, while we ought to have several: as at Seven Islands, the Perroquets, at Mingan, at Natashquan, the Islands of St. Mary, Meccatina and other places quite as dangerous.

*Eden.*—Our coast is very dangerous. There is only one lighthouse on the coast, and a lantern on the Peninsula in the Bay of Gaspé. I would strongly advise the erection of a light-house on the Bird Rocks in the river St. Lawrence, with a heavy gun attached, to be fired at intervals in foggy weather; also a floating light on the point of Sandy Beach, at the entrance to the port of Gaspé, with a bell attached. Would also recommend that a larger gun be placed at the light at Cape Rosier.

*Painchaud.*—I would recommend the erection of a light-house at the west point of Amherst Island; this would be of use to all vessels coming here, or passing from the "Gut"