

By Order in Council of the 15th November last, Mr. Joseph Porlier was appointed keeper of the light at Carraquet Island, at a salary of \$200 per annum, in the room of Mr. Louis Porlier, superseded.

The total cost of maintaining the lights, fog whistles, buoys and beacons in the Province of New Brunswick for the last fiscal year amounted to \$66,073.01, and the amount expended during the same period on construction of lights was \$2,253.80.

NOVA SCOTIA LIGHTHOUSE DIVISION.

The Nova Scotia Division, in charge of Mr. H. W. Johnston, agent of the Department for the Province, includes at this date 129 lighthouses exhibiting 141 lights, 1 light vessel, 11 steam fog-alarms, 1 fog-bell, 3 signal-gun stations, 6 automatic whistle buoys at present in position, 2 to be placed, and 1 spare buoy, 6 iron bell buoys, 63 can buoys, about 320 spar and other smaller buoys, 6 stationary beacons, 7 life-boat stations, 3 humane establishments and 4 signal stations.

In the above are included the new lighthouse recently erected on Croucher's Island, which will be put into operation on the 1st January next, and the new lighthouse near completion on Jerome Point, at the entrance of St. Peter's Canal.

The usual inspection of the different stations was made during the past year by Mr. D. M. Browne, R.N., the Superintendent of Lights, and the necessary supply of oil and other stores was conveyed to each station by the Government steamer "Newfield."

A new lighthouse has been erected on King Head, at the entrance to Merigomish Harbour, Pictou County, and the light was put into operation on the 1st September last. The building consists of a square wooden tower 40 feet high from base to the lantern vane with a dwelling house attached, and is painted white. The light is fixed red with an elevation above the sea level of 105 feet. It should be seen from a distance of 10 miles. The illuminating apparatus is catoptric. The buildings, which also include an oil store and outhouse, were constructed under contract by Messrs. Angus McQueen and Hugh Cameron of New Glasgow, for the sum of \$1,497.

The new lighthouse on Westhaver Island, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, was also built last year. The main building consists of a tower 38 feet high from its base to the vane on lantern, with an attachment for a keeper's dwelling and is painted white. There is also an oil store and outhouse. The light is fixed white, elevated 56 feet above the sea level and throws a most effective light to a distance of about 13 miles, visible all around the horizon. The illuminating apparatus is dioptric of the sixth order. The buildings were constructed under contract by Mr. James Smith of Lunenburg, for the sum of \$1,325. The light was put in operation on the 10th October last.