

The Day Beacons and Spar Buoys at Parry Sound, the contract for which was awarded to Mr. Thomas Caton for \$750, have been satisfactorily completed. A Lighthouse is still required at the entrance of Parry Sound to replace that on Mink Island, and tenders have lately been invited for the erection of the Pier and Lighthouse on Red Rock, and the work will probably be carried out next season.

The Lighthouse at Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, to which reference was made in the report of last year, has been satisfactorily completed, and the Light was shown for the first time on the 15th October last. The Light which is fixed white catoptric, is situated on a headland at the west side of the bay, and is elevated 43 feet above high water mark, and in clear weather should be seen 11 miles. The building is a wooden one, painted white, and consists of a square tower 40 feet high, with Keeper's dwelling attached. The cost of this Lighthouse will appear in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

During the past season a new Lighthouse has been erected on the east side of the new channel at the west end of Long Point, Lake Erie, in the County of Norfolk, and the Light put in operation on the 15th October. The Light is a revolving red catoptric, and attains its greatest brilliancy every minute. It is elevated 52 feet above high water mark, and in clear weather should be seen 12 miles. The building is of wood, painted white, and consists of a square tower 56 feet high, with dwelling attached. The cost of this Lighthouse will be shown in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

At the last Session of Parliament appropriations were made for the construction of new Lighthouses at Byng Inlet, Georgian Bay, Parry Sound; at Leamington, in the County of Essex; and at South Bay Point, Prince Edward County, but contracts have not as yet been let for the carrying out of these works.

The contract for the new Lighthouse at Kincardine, for which an appropriation of \$4,000 was made by Parliament, has been awarded to Mr. Joseph White for the sum of \$3,500, and the work will probably be completed in the course of next season.

During the past year it was found necessary to invite tenders to construct a new Pier and Lighthouse near Dorval, in Lake St. Louis, owing to the action of the ice having severely injured the existing pier. The contract for this work was awarded to Mr. Roderick Cameron of Lancaster, for \$3,750, and the work satisfactorily completed in the month of August last.

The iron Lightship No. 1, situated near Lachine, which was sunk by a violent gale in October 1878, and raised, was thoroughly repaired during the past winter and placed at her station on the opening of navigation. By reference to Appendix No. 1, it will be seen that the sum of 3,417.29 was spent in raising and repairing this vessel, and providing her with a new lantern and lighting apparatus.