

the sea—one of eight in view from one point. The Highland Light can be seen 35 miles. It cost \$75,000—the lenses alone costing \$10,000. Near by is the fog-horn. It is blown to warn mariners to avoid the island in fogs and storms when the light is of little avail. It is sounded by the steam of a four-horse power engine. The sound is made in immense trumpets of cast metal, seventeen feet long, directed towards the sea. The trumpet does not make, but directs the sound, which originates from the siren, or buzz in the small end of the trumpet, the larger end of which is above five feet in diameter. The siren, made of brass, strong, is struck by the current of steam and made to revolve with so great velocity as to make the sound that goes out through the fogs and storms over the sea to warn the mariner of his approach to danger. Whoever stands near that fog-horn when sounding will not be surprised that ships are frightened away. It once made a deaf mute jump and run for dear life.

The island is the home of wild and fantastic legends, one of the most striking of which is that of the Phantom Ship—the *Palatine*. Whittier tells the story thus:—

“The ship that a hundred years before,
Freighted deep with its goodly store,
In the gales of the equinox went ashore.

“The eager Islanders one by one
Counted the shots of her signal gun,
And heard the crash as she drove on.

“Into the teeth of death she sped;
(May God forgive the hands that fed
The false lights over the Rocky Head !)

“O men and brothers ! What sights were there !
White upturned faces, hands stretched in prayer !
Where waves had pity, could ye not spare ?

“Down swooped the wreckers like birds of prey,
Tearing the heart of the ship away,
And the dead had never a word to say.

“And there with a ghastly shimmer and shine,
Over the rocks and the seething brine,
They burned the wreck of the *Palatine*.