

houses are placed at Digby Gut, Boar's Head, Brier Island, Peter's Island and Cape St. Mary. Brier Island being much frequented by coasting vessels, and lying in the way of vessels trading from ports in the Bay of Fundy to Europe, the West Indies, United States and elsewhere, and on account of the prevalence of fog during the summer months, I would suggest whether a fog horn might not be much required at that place, and for the same reason, one at Digby Gut,—say on the eastern side, where the land is much higher than where the light-house is placed on the other side.

*J. V. Stewart.*—The coast of this district is not dangerous. No light-houses, &c, are required.

*Dewolf.*—Our coasts or rivers are not dangerous.

*Corbet.*—Not very dangerous. There is a light-house at the north entrance of the Strait of Canso, distant about one and a half miles from the entrance of this harbor. A beacon for the guidance of vessels into this harbor would be very beneficial owing to the entrance being narrow.

*Amberley.*—Yarmouth Harbor,—at low water only a narrow crooked channel, is extensively marked out. Entrance narrow; some bad ledges buoyed, and a beacon at the entrance. These improvements all executed by local authorities. A light-house on Cape Fourchue at entrance. A fog whistle is much needed as the steamers running from this port are often kept for hours in the fog outside the harbor.

*M. Macdonald.*—The coasts and channels within this district are not considered dangerous.

*Ross.*—Dangerous. Bars and shoals. Light-houses. Sea Wolf Island, Port Hood. No fog bells; no whistles.

*Hatfield.*—A lighthouse in the Isle of Haute, and a fog bell or steam whistle would be a good improvement, and one much needed to warn mariners of their near approach to Quaco ledges, and making the roadstead of Spencer's Island in thick weather.

*Nicolson.*—There is a light on an Island bearing east nine miles, obscured in a dark night. The entrance of this harbor would be the better of a light to guide vessels in.

*Sargent.*—Generally pretty safe. Where danger exists, buoys and beacons are placed. Light-house on Ragged Island, Shelburne, Beacon, (entrance to Barrington harbor) and Cape Sable Island. No fog bells or whistles.

*Mine.*—Yes, our coast is dangerous, but it is pretty well provided with light-houses. One at Cape Sable, one at Backarm, one at Shelburne harbor, and one at Ragged Island.

*Campbell.*—Not dangerous. Amit Island light at the mouth of harbor.

*Farnsworth.*—No.

*McNeill.*—The coast from St. Paul's to St. Ann's harbor is dangerous, and there is neither beacon nor light to indicate danger for a distance of 60 miles. The Bird Island light-house, midway between the entrance of great Bras d'Or and St. Ann's Harbor is the first indication of danger. Then on the south side of entrance of Big Bras d'Or, there is a light-house, these being the two only ones in the County. About six miles from Kelly's Cove, to the westward is a shoal on which vessels frequently get ashore. Would suggest a small buoy, placed on this shoal; the cost would be small.

*Ratchford.*—Not very. Light-house at Partridge Island River. Fog bell or whistle should be on the pier at Partridge Island, Parsboro', and something to indicate the locality of Black Rock in dark nights or foggy weather.

*Cook.*—The coast to the eastward of the harbor can be approached in safety to within a mile's distance of the shore, but to the westward of the harbor lie the Carribou shoals which are very dangerous, as some of them lie more than a mile from the shore. The most dangerous of them are the middle shoals which lie in the middle of the passage between the Carribou shore and Pictou Island, and have on them, at low water not more than 11 feet. As the trade is evidently increasing between Pictou and the St. Lawrence, and as the Carribou channel and Straits of Northumberland is the course in use for the prosecution of such trade, not only should the Carribou shoals be well buoyed, but a light-ship should be placed on Cape Tormentine shoals also. These lie about three miles from shore, at the narrowest part of the Straits, and are dry at low water. Our rivers, within our harbors are intricate and winding but not dangerous, their channels being bounded by mud flats and marked out by stakes or bushes at their various turnings. We have no guns, fog bells or whistles on any part of our coast, nor do we need them as we are seldom visited,