

heard as far as is desirable. The expenditure in connection with the establishment of this fog-whistle, owing to the difficulties of the situation, has been much larger than anticipated. The sum of \$8,081.38 was expended during the past fiscal year, making the total cost of the fog-whistle, with previous expenditure, to amount to \$23,272.96. During the past season a new lantern has been supplied with improved lamps and reflectors to the lighthouse at Cross Island, the cost of which is shewn in the accounts of the past fiscal year.

A new revolving apparatus, with lamps and reflectors, has been supplied to the light at Liverpool at a cost of \$1,040.26.

During the past season tenders were invited for the erection of a lighthouse on Isle Haute, in the Bay of Fundy, and the contract awarded to Mr. Calvin Cogswell, of Oromocto, N.B.; contract price, \$3,700. It is expected that the lighthouse will shortly be completed and the light put in operation. The cost of the lighthouse will appear in the accounts of the present fiscal year.

A new iron lantern and revolving lighting apparatus were supplied last season for the important light on Egg Island, but owing to the lateness of the season when it arrived, it could not be erected.

As will be seen by reference to the Report of the Agent, the new lamps and reflectors supplied during the season of 1876 to the light on Beaver Island, were destroyed by fire, as well as the plate-glass in the lantern, on the 6th August last. The damage was immediately made good by means of the new lighting apparatus for Scattarie Island, which happened to be on hand.

A new lantern and lighting apparatus of much greater power than that formerly employed, were supplied during the past season to the lighthouse at Country Harbour at a cost of \$1,766.20, and also an iron lantern and new lighting apparatus for Cranberry Island Light, at a cost of \$1,950. A new iron lantern has also been supplied to Pictou Harbour Light at a cost of \$91.98, including plate-glass, and also a new lantern for the Louisburg Light, at a cost of \$971.54, and one for Main-a-Dieu light, at a cost of \$579.10. A new lantern and lighting apparatus has been supplied to Low Point Lighthouse at a cost of \$1,640.73.

The new protection wall at Amet Island, to which reference was made in the Report of last year, has been completed. The total cost of this work, including the expenditure of the previous fiscal year, amounted to \$12,729.89.

During the past season the damage inflicted to the Lighthouse buildings and Humane Establishment, on St. Paul's Island, by the water-spout which burst over the Island on the 17th August, 1876, has been repaired. A detailed statement of the repairs and improvements effected will be found in the Report of the Agent.