

Entry Island DM



This lighthouse was established in 1874. It is located on the Southwest side of the Magdalen Island with a latitude N. 47 16 03 and longitude W. 61 42 20.

Robert Gray was one of the early lightkeepers in 1887. James Cassidy was the next lightkeeper in 1888. In 1901, Leo Collins was keeper and Engineer. Then in 1905, George Collins became lightkeeper. In 1930, Wilfred Collius took over. In 1931, the next lightkeeper was Daniel McLean. John R. McLean took over then on September 1, 1959 and D. K. McLean, Jr. was assistant. Ancil Josey took over as assistant in 1962. In 1963, Samuel Welch was chosen as assistant. In 1964, the next assistant was Arnold Clarke then Leon Patton. Philip Quinn then filled the position of assistant along with Foster Welsh being third assistant in 1967.

As the years went by, new buildings were being constructed and reconstructed and new improvements were made. In 1874, the light was placed at the present fog alarm site then was moved to a point on the cliff near the existing dwelling in 1904 and due to the eroding of the cliff, was shifted to its present site in 1910. In 1903, a new lantern was ordered. In 1904, a new light, oilstore, and storehouse was built. In 1908, a lightning



storm had destroyed the lighthouse. It had done a lot of damage. The light maintained on the Southeast end of Entry Island was moved to the summit of the rounded hill, 1187 feet from the old site in 1910. The old lighthouse was placed on a low concrete base on the new site and the old wooden tower was demolished. In 1922, a new fog alarm building was constructed. Then in 1923, a fog alarm system was installed. A combined light and dwelling was put up in 1927. It consisted of three large rooms downstairs and four bedrooms upstairs, and a lamp room in the attic surmounted by a wooden lamp. A coal shed was also constructed for the lightkeeper. In 1958, a new fog alarm machinery was installed. In 1960, Entry Island Wharf and Entry Island North side were converted to automatic and maintained by a part-time lightkeeper. An electrical installation was made in the lighthouse in 1961. In 1962, the light changed from kerosene vapour to electric vapour. In 1964, the lighthouse was on fire and it did a lot of damage but the building is still standing. A construction of a single dwelling was done in 1965. In 1967, the characteristic of the light had changed from being a fixed white light to a flashing white. Also in that same year, another construction of a single dwelling was completed. In 1969, they erected a new tower fifteen feet from the old site.



The last changes were made in 1980. It is now electrically operated.