# Whale's Back

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MC 30 Nov 1878 -- The Journal says the lite hs at Ft Constitution, Whale's Back, White and Wood I, all burn kerosene instead of lard oil." This is not exactly corrct; the light hs at the Fort and Whale's and all the other lite hs in the 4th and 6th orders in the distrct have been swtiched to burning kerosene; but none of the 1st, secnd or 3d orders have yet to be so fitted, and it is said they will not be, because better results are obtained with lard oil in the large lamps. White and Boon I lites both being of the second order, will continue to burn lard oil.

31 May 79 - The Whale's Back fog horn, has been tooting for ~~xx~~ a large paet of the time for more than a week. The 2 lite kprs there hav had no time to devote to the improvmnt of their minds, and not a great deal for sleep.

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~~MC 27 August 1880~~

MC 15 September 1880 - A substantial covered way has been built between Whale's Back lite tower and the

continuing 15 Sept -- fog horn tower, making the passg from one to the other, not only convenient and comfortable for the keepers, but safe as well, which it was not before on dark nites.during hvy wethr in winter, when the open iron bridge was covered with ice and big seas were splashing around the towers. Suring the strong gale of last week, the enormous waves gave the new structure a good testing, which it stood most satisfactorily, not leaking a drop, nor yielding in the slitest degree to the hvy blows bestowed upon it.

MC 15 May 1882 - The sea was breaking over the top of Whale's Back lite hs Sat Am.

~~MC May 82~~ MC 14 June 1882 - John Lewis of Kittery, asst keeper of WB lite, met with a serious accident on Monday. As the case was rptd to us, Mr Lewis was engaged in painting the outside of the lofty tube, enclosing the fog hor air pipe, and when a long way up fell to the upper deck (or roof) of the fog horn tower, breaking one of his hips and otherwise injuring ~~hm~~ him. Aid was sent for, and the tug Maumkeag,

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went down with a medical man on board, and Mr L was transported to his home in Kit.

21 JUne -- John Lewis of Kittery, asst keep WB ~~kit~~ lite, who was severely injured by a fall while patg the fog horn tower, not long ago, was on Wedn of this week rptd to be in a dying condition.

John Lewis died on Saturday, 1 July.

21 July -- Lite tender Iris is to place a whistling buoy ½ mile C wrd of Whale's Back, wch will sound in all kinds of weather when there is any motion of the C at all,

Dog's days wethr set in Fog horn sounding all the time, day and night

With an automtic whistling buoy in Kitts Rock, and the WB fog horn, making all the noise possbl, the dwellrs in New Castle ad guests at Wentworth whenever there is a thick fog and a hvy sC, with SE breeze

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MC 24 July 82 - The automatic whistling buoy wch will be placed near Kitts Rock, off this hrbr, in place of the 2d class can buoy, wch prevly marked yt danger, will be painted red, with the letter "P" in sight

5 Aug -- The lite hs supply stmr Fern, now on her annual cruz, along the coast, from ~~Eastp~~ Eastport to Brownsville. with stores for the lite stations, was in the lwr hrbr on 3d inst, with supplies for WB and Ft Point stations. On the 4th she proceeded to the Shoals and supplied White I.

11 Aug - Fog horn all afternoon on Thurs ~~(11) (10)~~ ((10 Aug)) and thru the nite. The mellow murmmurings of the "Jersey Bull" could also be plainly heard in this city from nitefall to daylite.