A Fog Trumpet Is Wanted For Signal.

PRESENT FOG BELL PRONOUNCED INADEQUATE.

That Congress should grant the four appropriations asked for by the light-house board for improvements on the Maine and New Hampshire coast is an opinion generally entertained among sea-faring men of this city, and along the coast as well. They unite in saying that, while the four different places at which improvements would be made are not really dangerous ones, they would be much better if the recommendations of the board could be acted upon.

A fog trumpet is wanted for Boon island light. There is a fog signal there now, but it is a bell, and as all mariners say, this method of warning while it may be all right when the sea is calm, is rather inadequate when there is a fierce gale blowing. A trumpet, operated e'ther by steam or by compressed air, is what has been recommended for this place. All steamers bound from Boston to Portland and from Portland to Boston pass this lighthuse and when the wind is strong northwest, they even run inside it, for it will then give them calmer water. A suitable fog signal is therefore, a very essential feature. This has been asked for before, but it has never been granted.

At Little River, there is a lighthouse, but a good trumpet fog signal is wanted for the place to warn incoming coastwise vessels when the weather is thick. Many of them make

in there for a harbor, and in stormy weather the place is frequently crowded. This is another place for which an appropriation has been asked before.

At Buckle island, near the west end of Deer Island thoroughfare, a lighthouse and fog signal have been asked for; this is the only new appropriation in the recommendations of the lighthouse board. Buckle Island harbor is a very dark place, but one frequently visted by small craft, as are Little River and Isle au Haut. For that reason it becomes a very important place, and in the opinion of the coastwise captains, should be properly designated.

Should these appropriations be granted by Congress, the Maine coast will then be almost as well protected as it would be possible for it to be, and mariners would be sure of their bearings in all kinds of weather. Earnest efforts to secure what they have asked for, will be made by the lighthouse board.