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Power Boat
Destroyed by Fire

Nov. 2, '12.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1 I have to report that on Oct. 9th, '12, the power boat assigned to the Mount Desert Light-Station, Me., while in charge of Mr. Charles A. Radley, second assistant keeper of that station, who was enroute to the station from shore leave, took fire and was partly destroyed.

2 Mr. Radley states that the fire was caused by the engine back firing; that although he tried to smother the flames he was unable to do so, and, in a very short time, was obliged to take to the dory which he had in tow.

3 He also states that when he took his departure from the shore the weather was thick, and that the engine had given trouble from the first. At the time of the accident, a fresh NW. wind was blowing - the change in the weather having taken place just before the accident.

4 Mr. Charles Noonan, of Birch Harbor, rendered assistance, and the boat, which had settled in the water until only a small part of the bow was out, was towed into harbor.

5 A tender later brought the boat to Portland.

6 An investigation will be made as soon as practicable,

and any further information as to cause of fire or management of the boat and properly lost will be reported to the Bureau.

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