

(Established in 1896.)

Appropriated by act of Congress, for  
 a light, range lts., & fog-signal  
 at Doubling Point; a lt. at Ames  
 Ledge; a lt. near SW. point of  
Perkins Island; a lt. near Squir-  
 rel Point; & a day-beacon on Ram  
 Island, Kennebec River, Me., Jan. 22, 1895, } \$17,000.  
 Mar. 2, 1895. }

1893 —. Perkins Island, Squirrel Point, Doubling Point, Ames Ledge light.  
stations, Kennebec River, Maine.—The following recommendation made  
 in the Board's last annual report is renewed:

There were 3,137 arrivals of vessels in this river during the year, not counting the  
 steamers which ply daily. The steamers *Kennebec*, 1,652 tons, and *Sagadahoc*, 1,413  
 tons, made ninety-six round trips each from Gardiner to Boston. Other passenger  
 steamers ply on the river from Bath to Augusta, Boothbay, and Popham Beach, and  
 intermediate places. The number of passengers carried was 232,150. Seventeen  
 tugs were engaged on the river in towing. Thirty-nine vessels of 32,063 gross tons  
 were built on the river, valued at \$50 per gross ton, or, say, \$1,603,150. The vessels  
 arriving will average 450 tons. Some 24 feet draft can be carried to Thwings Point,  
 6 miles above Bath, 16 feet draft from Thwings Point to Gardiner, and 8 feet from  
 Gardiner to Augusta. The Kennebec River is kept open by the towboats during the  
 winter from Bath to the sea. Above Bath the buoys are taken up about November  
 20, and the river is likely to freeze at any time after this date. The ice usually  
 goes out early in April. The river not only has the sea fogs, which extend to Bath,

1892  
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but its own river fog or mist, which is dense and at times low down. On dark  
 nights it is sometimes impossible to tell where the water ends and the shore begins.  
 The Light-House Establishment maintains no lights or fog signals in the Kennebec,  
 but the Kennebec Steamboat Company and the towboat companies have united for  
 many years in maintaining lanterns hung on the buoys at turning points or other  
 difficult places. The above facts establish, in the Board's opinion, the necessity for  
 and advisability of increasing the aids to navigation in the Kennebec River, and it  
 recommends the establishment of the following-named lights:

On the southwest point of Perkins Island a fixed red lens lantern light, with a  
 white sector to the northward and a fog bell struck by machinery, at an estimated  
 cost of \$5,700.

At Squirrel Point a fixed red light from a lens lantern, with a white sector to the  
 southward, at an estimated cost of \$4,650.

At Doubling Point a red lens-lantern light, showing up and down the river, with  
 a fog bell, and one-half mile east from the point white range lights, not less than  
 500 feet apart, to mark the channel from Ram Island to Fiddlers Reach, at an  
 estimated cost of \$6,300.

At Ames Ledge, just above Thwings Point, a red lens lantern, mounted on the  
 wooden spindle, which is maintained there during the navigable season, at an  
 estimated cost of \$75.

It is estimated that these four light-stations can be established for not exceeding  
 \$16,725, and it is recommended that an appropriation of this amount be made  
 therefor.

" —. Doubling Point, Ames Ledge, Perkins Island, Squirrel Point, and Ram Island, Lower Kennebec River, Me.—An appropriation of \$17,000 was made by the act approved on March 2, 1895 for the establishment on Kennebec River, Me., of a light, range lights, and fog-signal at or near Doubling Point, a light at Ames Ledge, a light at or near the southwest point of Perkins Island, a light at or near Squirrel Point, and a day beacon on or near Ram Island, and for their sites. Proper measures are being taken for obtaining sites for these aids to navigation, and for having plans made for their erection."

1896 58. *Ames Ledge, on the east side of the Kennebec River, about 6½ miles above Bath and at the entrance to the channel on the east side of Swan Island, Maine.*—On May 11, 1896, a fixed red lantern light was established.

1904 61. *Ames Ledge, Kennebec River, Maine.*—The United States owns no land at the station. The light is shown from the ledge a short distance from the shore. It is desirable to acquire half an acre of land facing the river on which to build an oilhouse and for other purposes. This land can be purchased, it is estimated, for \$100. The Board recommends that an appropriation of this amount be made therefor.

1905 61. *Ames Ledge, Kennebec River, Maine.*—By the act approved on March 3, 1905, there was appropriated \$100 for purchasing land on which to build an oilhouse, etc., at this light-station. The proper measures are being taken for the purchase of the land in question, which, it is expected, will soon be accomplished.

1906 61. *Ames Ledge, Kennebec River, Maine.*—Measures have been taken to purchase a piece of land, with right of way, at this station.

63. *Ames Ledge, Kennebec River, Maine.*—Additional land, with a right of way to it from the public highway, was purchased. 1907.