

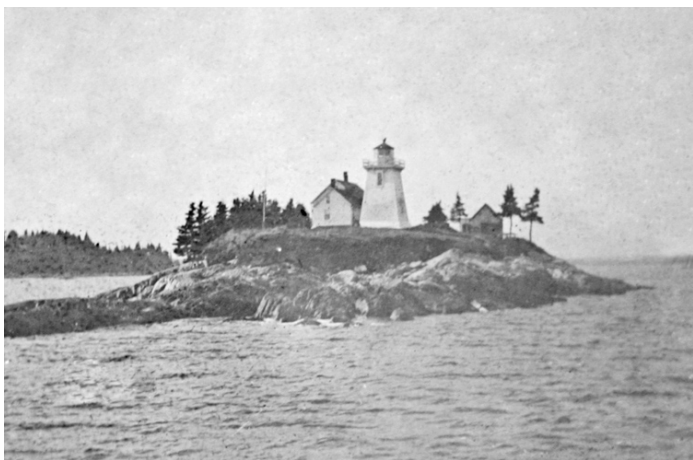


First Gull Rock (aka Lockeport) Lighthouse
Credit: Nova Scotia Archives



Second Gull Rock (aka Lockeport) Lighthouse 2011
Credit: Lighthouse Friends

It takes two aids to navigation, a pair of range lights and multiple buoys for fishers to find safe passage into the Lockeport harbour on the South Shore. The two aids were originally lighthouses on Carter Island and Gull Rock Island. The first to be built was Gull Rock (aka Lockeport) Lighthouse in 1853 and it was a tall wide pepper shaker style lighthouse with the keepers' quarters on the ground floor. It was replaced in 1948 with a square dwelling with a lantern rising on a short square tower from its roof. Its walls were 30cm (12in) thick concrete as waves would break over the island in high seas. Built strong, the lighthouse can still be seen today even though there is a modern aid next to it. Another white pepper shaker style lighthouse was erected on Carter Island in 1872 and later replaced with a lantern on top of a square dwelling in 1930. In 1982 the lighthouse was demolished to make way for a fiberglass tower topped with a flashing light, a modern aid of that time.



First Carter Island Lighthouse
Credit: Library and Archives Canada



Second Carter Island Lighthouse
Credit: Nova Scotia Archives



Gull Rock (aka Lockeport) Island today
Credit: CBC News 2015



Carter Island modern aid to navigation
Credit: NSLPS-DC Aug 16 2025