



The 3rd & current Pomquet Island Lighthouse 2019  
Credit: David Harding

Pomquet Island Lighthouse located in St George's Bay on the eastern section of Northumberland Strait is a seasonal light. Sea ice starts forming around early January with the arrival of arctic temperatures and the area becomes ice free by late April. Consequently its white flashing light will only be seen from May to the end of December when it is switched off for the winter season. The first lighthouse on Pomquet Island was a square white dwelling with a fixed red light shining from a three sided window. Its construction was a joint provincial-federal project in that the Nova Scotia Board of Works started building it in 1867 before Canadian Confederation occurred on July 1 and it was finished in 1868 by the new federal Department of Marine in Ottawa. In 1910 a new square tower was attached to one end of the dwelling and a 5<sup>th</sup> order Fresnel lens installed in the lantern room. With the arrival of automation, a new detached square wooden tower was erected in 1960 and the older combined lighthouse-dwelling demolished in 1962.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Pomquet Island Lighthouse may have looked like the nearby Black Rock Point lighthouse.

Credit: Library and Archives Canada 1901



The second Pomquet Island Lighthouse

Credit: The family of George Millar who was lightkeeper from 1924 – 1942 and again from 1945 – 1960.

