

The geographical position of Progreso, is $89^{\circ} 39' 30''$ longitude West of Greenwich, and $21^{\circ} 17' 00''$ North latitude, and although the town is built on a sand-bank, it is a great improvement over the old place Sisal,; being much more convenient in every respect.

An excellent stone light-house, thirty five and a half feet in height, and of the second catadioptric order, was constructed a few years ago, and gives, both at sea, and on getting on shore, a decidedly important appearance to the place. The site of the light-house is well chosen, in the centre of a large square, and shows a light visible for seventeen miles.

There are four piers running out into the ocean, the present port, being like Sisal, an open roadstead, by reason of which, occasionally but not often, on a heavy Norther approaching, of which, due notice is always telegraphed from the most Northerly Mexican port, Tampico, it is considered advisable for vessels to leave their moorings, and put to sea. One of the piers, that belonging to the Fiscal Government, a good substantial structure, is nearly four hundred and fifty feet long, and has at its sea end, a depth of over twelve feet of water, enabling coastwise and smaller foreign steamers to lie alongside. An excellent project for a magnificent harbour is being considered, engineers having recently made studies with that end in view. There is a hope that work will be commenced within the decade, making Progreso, one of the finest harbours in the Gulf of Mexico. Many people are very sceptical on the subject, but considering the large amount that the Federal Treasury derives from Yucatan, it is not too much to suppose, that it will show its appreciation in this manner.

For many years, all merchandise to and from the vessels lying at anchor, was moved by lighters, the owners of which, often obtained exorbitant prices for transportation, for shippers were completely at their mercy, having no alternative but to accede to their demands; but one day, a certain captain of an incoming