

the floating of the logs. The result has been that the works which had been constructed by this Department have been destroyed, and the river is washing away considerable tracts of good land.

In consequence of this report, Superintendent Vowell was requested on the 31st of April last to notify the Cowichan Lumber Company that the Department held them responsible for the payment of all damages sustained, and he was instructed to take the necessary steps to ascertain the extent and value of the damage done and then demand payment from the Company; since which time the Company has paid the sum of \$979.40 for damages.

I may say, with regard to future operations, that it would appear that, on account of the volume of water, the rapidity of the stream, and especially the very large size of the logs, ordinary protective works are practically useless, except perhaps those of small cost, such as cutting away of jams and inexpensive groins to change the current where considered advisable. It is thought that effective works would cost very much more than the value of the land which would be lost by the action of the river. The whole trouble appears to consist as a result of the operations of the Lumber Company, and consequently it is but reasonable that they should pay for the