

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, Marquis of Lorne, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.*

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :**

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1878-9.

By an Act 47 Vict. Cap. 7, the Department hitherto known as Public Works was divided into two Departments, to be presided over by two Ministers respectively named the Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Minister of Public Works. The provisions to come into force by proclamation under order in Council.

An Order in Council to the above effect dated 19th May 1879, published at page 1496 of the *Canada Gazette*, fixed the 20th May as the date when the above Act should come into force. It accordingly becomes my duty as Minister of Public Works to report to Your Excellency the proceedings of the Department for the last fiscal year.

The report sets forth the transactions and general expenditure with the cost of maintenance of the various Public Works.

Appendix No. 1, pages 3 to 7, shews this expenditure in detail.

The Annual Reports of Superintendents, with general and special Reports of the Departmental Engineers, are given in the Appendices.

The works under the control of the Department are as follows :—

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

HARBOURS AND PIERS.

SLIDES AND BOOMS.

WORKS ON NAVIGABLE RIVERS.

TELEGRAPHS.