

same month and left the 31st August, the third came in the 17th September and remained till the 2nd October, and the last one took possession the 4th and was undocked the 8th same month.

A portion of the Contractors' plant, composed of the Dredges Sir Hector and St. Joseph, 2 Tugs and 4 Dump Scows, have been placed in the Dock, the 29th November, for the purpose of being repaired during the winter.

It is with great satisfaction that the Commissioners can state that the Graving Dock, after one year's test, during which it was exposed to one of the most severe winters of this country, has given proof of the greatest solidity and of its water-tight powers.

The Dock has been visited, during the summer, by many connoisseurs from England, France and the United States, and they have all pronounced it equal, if not superior, to any of the most renowned Docks of the world.

The Dock is now managed by Captain J. E. Bernier, who has been appointed Dock Master on the 27th March. He has shown himself to be quite competent for such a position and has given entire satisfaction to the Commissioners.

#### *Wet Dock, Harbour Works.*

The work of dredging in the Wet Dock has progressed most satisfactorily during the season, 483,170 cubic yards of materials having been dredged at a uniform depth of 15 feet.

When the South Wall, under contract, will be completed, its retaining power will be of such capacity as to enable, with few alterations, the dredging of the whole area of this Basin to be carried to such a depth as to give 30 feet or more, if necessary, at low water.

#### *South Wall, Harbour Works.*

The South Wall works have not progressed as rapidly as expected, but the Commissioners have decided to take the means to have them completed within the term of the Contract, that is to say by the fall of the present year.

A most important change has been effected in connection with this Contract, by which cut stone will be used instead of brick for the portion of the Intercepting Sewer which was to be built in brick, the Contractor having undertaken to do the work for the price specified for the brick work, the substitution costing consequently nothing.