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### Work Now in Progress will be Rushed and Additional Improvements Arranged for— Extension of Negro Point Breakwater and Contract for One if not More Extra Piers.

"Recognizing the great possibilities of the port of St. John, realizing, as I do, that it is the natural winter port of the Dominion, and that it is in the interest of the people of St. John, and the interests of the trade of the whole country," said Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, in the course of an address delivered before a large number of members of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon in response to a lengthy statement setting forth the views of the government as to the needs of the port. Mr. Rogers promised definitely that his department would hasten work on two wharves now under contract on the west side, let a contract for the construction of one if not more additional piers within a short time, proceed with the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island, and the construction of the revetment wall along the sea face of the port. He also promised to let the contract for the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island, and the construction of the revetment wall along the sea face of the port. He also promised to let the contract for the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island, and the construction of the revetment wall along the sea face of the port.

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Hon. J. D. Hazen was greeted with prolonged cheering when he rose to speak, and the audience sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." He thanked those present for their cordial greetings. He said that he would depart from his usual custom and speak from notes for he had definite statements to make and as every statement was backed by the government of Canada he wished to have them absolutely correct. He spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, and fellow members of the Conservative Party: I wish to express to you my very sincere thanks for the honor you have done me in sending me, in company with my esteemed friend and colleague, the Minister of Public Works, this banquet here tonight, and to tell you how heartily I appreciate the kind manner in which the chairman has been pleased to refer to my services as a member for this constituency and of the Government of Canada, and to thank you for the enthusiastic manner in which you have received me here this evening."

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"In the first place, I wish to remind you that, in session and out of session, I have been a member of the Government of Canada, the Liberal press in the city of St. John, which is becoming, as time goes on, more and more accomplished in its capacity for mendacity and misrepresentation, has endeavored to create the impression in the public mind that New Brunswick and St. John have been neglected, and that what has been done in this province by the present Government does not compare with what was done by the Liberal regime. It is only by the presentation of a few facts and figures to absolutely set at rest any such contention, which is not only absurd but untruthful."

**THE PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDED IN NEW BRUNSWICK BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DURING THE LAST NINE YEARS WERE:**

1905-6	.....	\$ 538,250.97
1906-7	.....	371,965.70
1907-8	.....	1,466,570.70
1908-9	.....	901,178.23
1909-10	.....	1,102,072.72
1910-11	.....	1,600,578.94
1911-12	.....	2,073,309.00
1912-13 (6 mos.)	.....	1,625,234.00
		\$11,412,932.26

of which there were in SAINT JOHN, N. B.,

Public Works	.....	\$9,100,165.37
Public Buildings	.....	414,542.20
		\$9,514,707.57

**Moneys Expended.**

"I leave the year 1911-12 out of the comparison I am about to make, as each Party was in power for about one half of the year. The figures show that under the present administration in a year and a half there was expended in New Brunswick by the Public Works Department alone \$3,696,143, while the largest amount expended under the previous Government was \$2,073,309 in 1911-12. It was Minister of Public Works in any two consecutive years was: 1907-08 and 1908-09, \$2,073,309.54; and in 1909-10 and 1910-11, \$2,282,927.72."

"I have no hesitation in venturing the prediction that by the end of the present fiscal year the Public Works of Canada will have spent on public works in New Brunswick during the two years commencing April 1st, 1913, an amount equal to the amount spent during the last two full years of the Liberal Party was in power and practically equal to their expenditure during the last four years."

How St. John Fared.

"From the expenditures in the Province as a whole I turn to the expenditure by the Public Works Department in St. John during the same period of years and find it was as follows:—"

1905-6	.....	\$ 140,317.
1906-7	.....	142,508.
1907-8	.....	148,747.
1908-9	.....	246,613.
1909-10	.....	536,681.
1910-11	.....	602,244.
1911-12	.....	1,419,225.
1912-13 (6 mos.)	.....	1,300,236.
		\$7,813,071.

"Thus in the last eighteen months the Department has spent in this City and County \$2,719,881, as against \$1,382,26, the largest amount spent by the Liberal Government, \$78,133, in twenty-four months."

"The record stands as follows:—"

Conservative Government,	.....	eighteen months	.....	\$2,719,881.
Liberal Government,	.....	twenty-four months	.....	1,382,260.
				Excess by Conservatives \$1,580,000.

"In other words the expenditure in this community by the present Government in one year and a half is nearly two and a third times as much as that of the previous administration."