

Department of Public Works.

During the fiscal year 1892-93, the sum of \$600 was authorized to be expended, \$300 being for clearing the dock of ballast and rubbish, and a like amount for making repairs to the seaward face of the breakwater which was being undermined. These repairs consisted in inserting timbers in the bottom of the work along the seaward face and further protecting it by large stone. Of the amount authorized, \$299.94 was expended in clearing out the dock and \$286.71 in repairs.

PORT LORNE.

Port Lorne, formerly Port Williams or Marshall's Cove, Annapolis County, is situated on the southern shore of the Bay of Fundy, and is distant about 30 miles east of Digby Gut.

During the spring of 1892, the sum of \$1,000 was expended in repairing the central portion of the seaward face of the breakwater which was much decayed and in a very unsafe condition, and in building a piece of crib-work inside the dock to divert the brook to the eastward of the work.

The amount appropriated 1891-92 (\$1,000), not being sufficient to complete the repairs necessary, the further sum of \$500 was authorized for expenditure during 1892-93, and was expended during the spring in completing the repairs to the western face of the breakwater, putting on a new cap for a length of 75 feet on the inner face, new covering at inner end, 2 mooring posts, and 15 fenders on the inner or eastern face, and in extending the crib-work, to divert the brook, about 60 feet.

These works are now in a thorough state of repair.

ROUND HILL.

Round Hill, Annapolis County, is situated on the Annapolis River, about midway between Annapolis and Bridgetown.

A contract was entered into in November, 1891, for the construction of a sheer dam on the up river side of the hill to divert the stream from the foot of the bank, which it had been for many years eating into and undermining, destroying not only valuable property (several acres having fallen into the river), but washing the material into the channel, thereby causing bars to form, and otherwise injuring navigation.

The river at this point takes a sharp turn, the bank on its northern side being a dyked marsh, while on the inner side of the bend of the river is the high steep hill which gives the settlement its name.

The above contract was completed in August of 1892, and the purpose for which the work was constructed is having the desired effect.

SALMON RIVER.

Salmon River, Digby County, empties into the Bay of Fundy, 3 miles south of Cape St. Mary, and forms part of the division line between Digby and Yarmouth Counties.

The harbour is formed by a breakwater and gravel pier, the former on the north and the latter on the south side of the mouth of the river.

In January last the sum of \$800 was authorized to be expended on repairs to the breakwater and gravel pier. Work was commenced in March, and repairs were completed before the end of the fiscal year, and consisted as follows:—

To Wharf or Breakwater.—Cutting down and rebuilding new block on south face for a length of 32 feet and a width of 20 feet; raising outer 30 feet about 18 inches; placing 18 fender piles along southern face, 6 on the end, and 20 along the northern face.

To Gravel Pier.—Practically reconstructing the inner 90 feet, ballasting, placing cross ties, floor stringers and covering on an adjoining 30 feet, and reconstructing a 20 foot block at outer end in place of 30 foot block which had been carried away.

Both the above works are considered to be now in thorough repair.