

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

At the hall and cottage, shingling, battens, hipboards, clap boarding; galvanized iron roofing was laid on kitchen cupola, gallery, &c., and all galvanized iron roof eavetroughs and conductor repaired and renewed where necessary. Flooring was relaid in hall and rooms 5 and 6 under tennis court. In the greenhouse plant tables were renewed, the walls and ceiling of the gardener's room covered with V-sheeting and the outside of walls covered with similar material.

The vinery was provided with new shutters, new ropes were put on all ventilators in greenhouse and rubber hose and trays supplied thereto. The brickwork of two furnaces and flues of greenhouses were repaired; brickwork of 7 fire-places, 3 ranges and 5 chimney tops at the hall and the cottage were repaired and 4 chimney tops taken down and rebuilt.

At the cottage, the verandah and greenhouse on south side were renewed and the wall made good and painted—the verandah steps were rebuilt; the 4-inch title drain was replaced by a 4-inch iron pipe, and some minor repairs to interior wall effected.

At the coach house, plank flooring and cedars were renewed, hay racks were repaired and renewed and the stalls were altered, and two brick hearths were taken up and relaid.

Clapboarding was put on exterior walls of gardener's house; plank floor was renewed in shed at lodge, and steps at back door rebuilt.

The large gate at rear entrance was rebuilt and painted; 2 new gate posts were put in at cottage gate and the gates repaired and painted and a new gate and cattle-guard built in cricket-field fence.

Three grated cedar crib pits at end of ball-room were rebuilt and drains to same repaired, and 2 cedar cribs to main drain traps in bush were rebuilt.

Nine-inch and 6-in. tile drains were laid to replace wooden box drains, and the coach house sink pipes replaced by iron pipe connections.

Block paving was taken up and replaced by transverse 3-in. plank sidewalk 4 ft. 9 in. wide, sidewalk and crossings were relaid after drains were put in; plank sidewalk 3 ft. 3 in. wide was laid on back road and of same description but 2 ft. 6 in. wide from coach-house to water closet; and all sidewalks throughout grounds and along Bay and Back roads were repaired where required.

Two board fences 7 feet high were rebuilt at hot bed ground and gardener's house; a 3-rail fence, 4 feet high, to divide field was built; and 3-rail fence repaired and rebuilt, picket fence, 4 feet high, was built in front of cottage and in cricket field.

At the hall and cottage distemping and papering were done, and all broken glass of hall, cottage, greenhouse and stables repaired.

In the hall some of the rooms were supplied with new carpeting and all other carpets, matting, &c., were taken up, beaten, repaired and relaid; new hair mattresses, feather pillows, holland blinds, cotton blinds, chair covers, a quantity of new linen, sets of bed-room crockery and tumblers were supplied. The stoves, ranges, furnaces and pipes were overhauled and repaired, the kitchen coppers were scoured and retinned, new scuttles were supplied, old ones repaired as well as a number of water cans and other tinware.

The snow cleaning, filling ice-house and the care of the grounds, gardens, greenhouses, &c., were efficiently carried out by the contractors.

Works carried out under the supervision of this department.

Clerk of works, Wm. Hutchison, Ottawa.

Contractors for maintenance of grounds, gardens, &c., Sorley & Sims, Ottawa.

Contractor for removal of snow, N. Cardiff, Ottawa.

PARLIAMENT GROUNDS.

The greenhouses were repaired and the grounds, &c., have been maintained to the satisfaction of this department.

Caretaker, N. Robertson, Ottawa.

Contractor for removal of snow, W. H. Cuddie, Ottawa.