

At LOWER HORTON, a new wharf, 172 feet in length, has been built on the site of the old.

MCNAIR'S COVE.—The re-construction of 160 feet of the breakwater was completed by the contractor in December, 1888.

NOEL.—During the last fiscal year the Department constructed a landing wharf on the west side of the bay. The wharf, including the approach, is 275 feet in length and 25 feet wide with an "L" at the outer end 35 feet long.

At PICTOU ISLAND.—The balance of the amount appropriated for 1887–88 was expended in completing the extension of the east and west wharves. The east wharf has been extended 100 feet and the west wharf 92 feet 6 inches.

PORT HOOD.—During the year a new block 48 feet by 22 feet, was constructed at the south end of the "L" of the pier.

SHEET HARBOUR.—In January last a contract was entered into for the construction of a ballast wharf on the north side of the East River, from the end of the remains of Ball's Wharf, running westerly a distance of 180 feet, and 20 feet wide, with an "L" 20 feet long and 20 feet wide at the western end, and at the close of the fiscal year the work was nearly completed.

At TATAMAGOUCHE, a wharf 96 feet in length was built on the east side of the river, nearly opposite the mouth of the French River, to accommodate the inhabitants living on the eastern side of the river, who were obliged to haul their produce for shipment to the wharves at Tatamagouche, a distance of 3 miles, and the coal which they use from the wharves to their homes.

WALLACE.—The wharf at this place was extended during the past fiscal year to prevent the inner end of the dredged channel from silting up, and at the same time to afford additional shipping facilities.

WESTERN HEAD.—Shortly after the completion of this breakwater, in 1888, this coast was visited by an unusually heavy gale, which destroyed the outer end of the structure, and an appropriation having been made at the session of 1889, the damage done will be made good.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS were made to the structures at the following places, viz.:— BRULÉ, CRANBERRY HEAD, COW BAY, at which place extensive repairs were made to the breakwater; EAST BAY, GREEN COVE (OR PORT MAITLAND), HAMPTON, JONES HARBOUR, KINGSPORT, LITTLE NARROWS, LISMORE, MABOU, MAIN A DIEU, MARGARETVILLE, PARKER'S COVE, PARRSBORO', PARTRIDGE ISLAND PIER, PORT GREVILLE, PORT HOOD, PORT LORNE, ROSEWAY BEACH, ROUND BAY, SPENCER'S ISLAND, TROUT COVE.

DREDGING, either by one of the Department's dredges, or by hand, was also done for the improvement of navigation, or to enable fishing boats to make a shelter, at the undermentioned localities:—

ARISAIG, BARRINGTON, BAYFIELD, GABAROUS and BELFRY LAKES, GRANTON, GREEN HARBOUR, LITTLE GLACE BAY, MCNAIR'S COVE, PARTRIDGE ISLAND RIVER, PICTOU, YARMOUTH.

(For details, see Appendix No. 5, pages 55–119.)