

by 28 feet wide, having along its face a depth of 8 feet at low water springs. It is constructed of squared timber, close faced, floor stringered and planked over.

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$250 has been expended in levelling up the outer end and channel face where settlements of from 1 foot to 2 feet had taken place, and in renewing floor stringers and planking.

PORT SELKIRK PIER.

Port Selkirk, Queen's County, is situated on the south side of the mouth of the Orwell River, at its entrance into Orwell Bay. It is distant from Vernon River Bridge 5 miles, and from Charlottetown by water about 18 miles.

The pier, which was constructed by the Local Government, is in the form of a **T**, its length of approach from the shore to the channel face being 252 feet, and length of pier-head 250 feet. The width of the approach is 23 feet and that of the pier-head 35 feet.

The pier-head which extends along the edge of the channel is composed of 5 "blocks" with intervening spans, and being much decayed, contracts for its reconstruction and repair were entered into as follows:—25th February, 1891, for the construction of a "block" and span at the upper end of pier (completed 31st August, 1892); 9th May, 1891, for the construction of 80 feet of pier (completed 30th November, 1892); and on 25th March, 1893, for the reconstruction of the two central blocks and connecting spans which were satisfactorily completed by the close of the fiscal year.

POWNAI PIER

Is situated in Queen's County, at the head of the north-eastern portion of Hillsboro' Bay, about 9 miles east from Charlottetown, the nearest railway station to the pier, which is 753 feet long, extending to low water, and was constructed by the Local Government between 1872 and 1882. It consists of a shore abutment 209 feet long by 16 feet wide and 14 "blocks" with intervening "spans," the inner blocks and spans being 16 to 18 feet wide, and the two outer 40 feet; all the work previous to 1880-81, was dry at low water, but during that year, to admit of boats and small vessels using it at all times of tide, and to allow a large class of vessels to call at it for cargoes, the department dredged a channel 1,275 feet in length, 56 feet in width, and a basin on its eastern side 250 feet long by 90 feet in width, carrying from 6 to 9 feet of water at low water spring tides, or from 15 to 18 feet at high water springs.

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$249.26 has been expended in recovering the outer block, putting in new fender piles at outer end, renewing of floor stringers, mooring posts and guard-timbers, and in making up the roadway of the approach with broken stone and gravel, thus placing the pier in safe and serviceable condition.

SOURIS HARBOUR.

Souris, King's County, is situated about 16 miles to the westward of East Point, the eastern extremity of the Island. It is a very important shipping point, being the eastern terminus of the P. E. Island Railway, which has a deep water wharf from where shipment can be made later in the fall and earlier in the spring than at any other port on the Island. The anchorage at the place is good and safe, sheltered from all northerly winds. The department, to provide protection from southerly gales, and so afford a safe harbour of refuge at all times, in 1875, '76, '77, constructed a breakwater from the end of that previously built by the Local Government off Knight's Point on the eastern side of the harbour, the work in all being 1,180 feet long.

The work being exposed to the full force of the sea during southerly gales and being much injured by the "teredo" (sea worm) which is very destructive in all the island harbours, has, since construction, required most extensive repairs.