

Department of Public Works.

DREDGING PLANT.

The dredging plant belonging to the department is as follows :—

In the Maritime Provinces.

The steam hopper dredge "St. Lawrence."
do do "Canada."
The dipper dredge "New Dominion" and 6 scows.
do do "Prince Edward," 5 scows and 1 water scow.
do do "George McKenzie," 5 scows and 1 water scow.
One stone scow, boiler, engine and grips.

In Quebec and Ontario.

The dipper dredge "Queen," 2 scows and tug "Ottawa."
do do "Nipissing," 2 scows and tug "St. Paul."
do do "St. Louis," 2 scows, coal scow and tug "Sensation."
The elevator dredge "No. 9," 3 scows and tug "Delisle."
The dipper dredge "Challenge," 2 scows and tug "Trudeau."
do do "Ontario," 3 scows and tug "Sir John."
Stone lifters, Nos. 1 and 2.

In Manitoba.

The dipper dredge "Winnipeg," tug "Sir Hector," 2 scows and 1 coal barge.
Dredge "Priestman," tug "Victoria," and 2 scows.

In British Columbia.

The elevator dredge "Pacific," scows and tug "Princess."
The snag boat "Samson."

Ship Channel, River St. Lawrence.

Four elevator dredges, tugs "John Pratt," "St. James," "St. Francis," "C. J. Brydges," "M. F. Parsons," 3 stone lifters, 2 coal barges, 1 store ship, 12 dump scows of 80 yards capacity, 2 scows of 150 yards capacity, 1 sounding scow, and 2 flat scows.

NEW DREDGING PLANT.

Elevator dredge "Laval," in course of construction.

One tug, un-named, in course of construction.

The "Laval," which was in course of construction at the close of the fiscal year, is a steam elevator dredge, carvel-built, and will be 152 feet 6 inches in length over all, 31 feet in breadth, and 11 feet 11 inches in depth.

The boilers are two cylindrical straightway boilers, 18 feet 5 inches long, with a diameter of 6 feet 4 inches, and are built of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch Dalzell steel of 60,000 lbs. tensile strength.

DREDGE VESSELS, REPAIRS.

During the year, repairs to hulls, machinery, scows, &c., were made on the following dredges and plant, the expenditure being as follows:—

"St. Lawrence"	\$ 3,751 48
"Canada"	2,206 17
"New Dominion"	1,595 82
"Prince Edward"	693 98
"George McKenzie"	3,009 76

NOTE.—The work on this dredge includes the lengthening of the hull 32 feet, and the construction of houses on the deck for the officers and crew.