

At BAY ST. LAWRENCE.—Near the head of the bay there is a small lake enclosed by a beach of sand and gravel.

In 1887 a channel was opened through the beach to admit of the passage of boats at high water. Shortly after its completion it was filled in from the outside, over a distance of about 100 feet, and during 1888–89 the channel, which had been alternately opened during freshets and closed during northerly gales, was re-opened and protected by a pier extending 53 feet beyond high water, and by a work of brush and stone, 30 feet in length, inside of it.

The channel remained opened for a while after the completion of the protection work, but is now closed by a short bar opposite the inner end of the pier.

BEAVER RIVER.—The breakwater has been extended 100 feet and other improvements made.

BIG BRAS D'OR.—The wharf, mentioned in my report of last year as being under construction, was completed with the unexpended balance of the appropriation for 1887–88.

BIG POND.—During the year the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated for the previous year was expended in completing a wharf 200 feet in length and 20 feet wide, with a depth at the outer end of 8 feet at lowest water level.

BLUE ROCK.—The contract entered into in November, 1886, for the construction of a breakwater 326½ feet in length, to extend in a south-westerly direction from Blue Cape, was completed in October, 1888.

BROAD COVE.—This work, 400 feet in length, was completed in December, 1888.

At CHETICAMP, a contract was entered into 10th June, 1889, for the construction of a wharf on the eastern side of the harbour, to consist of an approach 125 feet in length and 30 feet wide over a distance of 60 feet from its outer end, with end and side walls of stone and centre filling of earth or stone; and an extension, 80 feet in length, in two blocks, with openings of 17 feet 6 inches. The outer block is to be 60 feet in length along the channel face, and is to have a depth of 4 feet at extreme low water.

DELAP'S COVE.—The western face of the pier protecting the opening into the harbour was extended inwardly 100 feet. A large warping anchor to assist vessels in getting out to sea was placed off the end of the pier, and a portion of the beach was raised.

At DIGBY, a contract was entered into for the removal of the outer block which had been carried, bodily, into the dredged channel by the storm of December 1885, and, after much difficulty, the contractor tore the block to pieces and removed it down to the surface of the mud. During the year the construction of a new block, 45 feet by 45 feet, to replace that carried away, was completed by the Department, and other improvements were effected.

EATONVILLE.—In August, 1888, instructions were given to extend the breakwater 80 feet, but after the work had been commenced a severe storm threatened the total destruction of the inner end of the structure, and work on the extension was therefore suspended, and every exertion made to save the damaged inner end, which passed through several severe storms of last winter without further damage.