

CORRESPONDENCE.

Reference to Appendix No. 14, at page 261, will give an idea of the volume of correspondence dealt with by the respective branches of the department. In the Chief Engineer's branch alone, about 10,000 letters were received, and no less than 840 official documents were referred by the secretary to that officer for action and advice.

The statement referred to displays the steady and rapid increase in the business of the department.

DREDGING PLANT.

The following is an inventory of the dredging plant, the property of the department, which was operated during the fiscal year, under the management and directions of the Engineer's branch:—

In the Maritime Provinces.

The propeller hopper dredge "St. Lawrence."
do do "Canada."
The dipper dredge "New Dominion" and 4 scows.
do do "Prince Edward," 3 scows and water boat.
do do "Geo. McKenzie" 4 do do
One stone lifter, boiler, engine and large grips.

In Quebec and Ontario.

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

In Manitoba.

The dipper dredge "Winnipeg," tug "Sir Hector," 2 scows and coal barge.

In British Columbia.

The snag boat "Samson."
The dipper dredge "Mud Lark," 3 scows, and tug "Princess."

Ship Channel, River St. Lawrence.

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