

Department of Public Works.

To further improve this harbour, a contract was entered into with Mr. James Barclay on the 18th July, 1892, for the extension and strengthening of the southern pier, the work included in the contract being :

1. The extension of the pier for a distance of 200 feet.
2. The filling in of the present work with stone and brush to a height of 2 feet above assumed high water spring tides, and in piling the inner end.
3. The construction of a dam of round timber crib-work, 120 feet in length and 6 feet in width at the inner end of the present pier.
4. The construction of a brush and stone pier, 50 feet in length and 6 feet wide on top, on the beach in rear of the present pier.

Work was commenced by the contractor on the 3rd January, 1893, and was nearly completed at the close of the fiscal year.

NEW LONDON.

The harbour of New London is situated on the northern coast of Prince Edward Island, about 10 miles south-east from the entrance into Richmond Bay. Within its entrance, which is about 1,200 feet wide, the bay is 3 miles wide, and receives the waters of the South-west, the French, the Stanley and the Hope Rivers.

The works constructed by the department for the improvement of the entrance into the harbour consist of a breakwater 1,050 feet in length, on the sand beach at the eastern side of the entrance, built partly of piling, brush and stone, and partly of cribwork, a break-water 460 feet in length on the beach at the western side of the entrance, the inner end for a distance of 400 feet consisting of pile, brush and stone-work, and the outer end, 60 feet in length, being a squared timber block.

During the year 1891-92, the amount authorized was expended in the construction of a crib-work block 102 feet in length, between the two outer blocks of the eastern breakwater, and in extending this breakwater at the inner end a distance of 82 feet by the construction of a breastwork composed of piling, brush and stone.

In 1892-93 the sum of \$543.25 was utilized in closing two breaches, through the eastern work, and in effecting other necessary repairs and improvements.

NINE MILE CREEK PIER

Is situated in Queen's County, about 5 miles west from the entrance into Charlottetown harbour, on the shallow inlet entering into the passage between St. Peter's Island and the mainland. The pier, constructed many years ago by the Local Government to provide a shipping place for the district, has a total length on the centre line of 290 feet, with an average width of 20 feet, composed of a shore approach or abutment and several "blocks and spans." The outer end, which originally extended to the line of low water mark, has had a channel carrying 7 feet of water at low spring tides dredged to it by the department at a cost of \$6,286.46, thus admitting of the approach of good sized schooners at high water spring tides, which rise $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The pier, however, being in bad condition, generally, and requiring repair over its entire length, as well as being too narrow at its end for the accommodation of vessels, turning of teams, space required for shipments, etc, a contract was entered into on the 27th August last, for the construction of a new block 35 feet in length and 20 feet wide at the outer end, and the same was satisfactorily completed in February, 1893.

Repairs to the pier is now in progress with the appropriation made at the last session of Parliament (\$800) which should be ample to place the whole structure in a most satisfactory condition.

PINNETTE PIER.

Pinnette Pier, Queen's County, is situated on the south side of the channel of the Pinnette River, immediately below and at right angles to the Pinnette bridge, with which it is connected by a span 28 feet in length. The pier is 120 feet long