

## ST. MAURICE DISTRICT.

The revenue accrued during the past fiscal year amounted to \$11,196.92, being the largest figure attained since the year ended 30th June, 1884.

The collections amounted to \$11,853.15, being the full amount of dues accrued during the past year, and the sum of \$656.23 arrears collected through the Department of Justice.

Statement No. 6, herewith, shows in detail the amounts of arrears uncollected 30th June last, in all \$15,922.39.

It is worthy of notice that while the collections were greater during the year just closed by \$4,093.31 than those of the previous year, a large saving was effected in the cost of collection by adopting the same methods as have been in use in the Ottawa District.

Instead of having a staff, which cost in 1891-2, for salaries and expenses \$1,043.86, the work was done from this office at a cost of \$130.75, for travelling expenses, of which the greater part was spent in familiarizing myself with the works on the St. Maurice, hence the actual saving was \$913.11.

It is proper that I should here disclaim any credit for the increased revenue, as that is entirely due to the larger output of saw-logs during the winter of 1891-2, nor do I wish it to be understood that the amount given as expended in travelling was the full amount so spent, as there were further travelling expenses incurred to the amount of \$103.85, which is properly chargeable against the arrears of dues accrued previous to the collection for this district being confided to me.

As the regulations in force at the beginning of the last fiscal year were contradictory and inapplicable to the new system then introduced, they were entirely remodelled, except as to the tariff of tolls, which remains practically the same, and came into force on the 13th of April last.

## SAGUENAY DISTRICT.

The revenue from this district was \$638.88 which still remains uncollected.

The only parties using these works are Messrs. Price & Co., whose counter claim remains unadjusted.

Including the above, the total amount standing against this firm on 30th June last, was \$9,538.91, see Statement No. 7 herewith.

## NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

Instructed by the department I endeavoured to collect the arrears of dues accrued in this district outstanding on 30th June, 1892, amounting to \$6,490.77, of which, however, I only succeeded in getting \$715.17, in addition to which overcharges to the amount of \$8.60 were written off, leaving outstanding \$5,767. Statement No. 8.

In consequence of the proceedings taken, Messrs. M. M. Boyd & Co., deposited in the Exchequer Court the amount of the account against them, \$2,245.81, and entered an action for damages caused by the seizures and detention of their lumber. The case was tried at Peterboro' on the 8th of June last, but no decision has been yet handed down.

Pending the decision in this case it was considered better not to press for settlement of the other unpaid accounts.

The dues accrued during the past financial year amounted to \$38.55, which was collected.

In consequence of there being but one point in this district at which a toll was charged, and that a very small one, yielding an annual average revenue of but \$545.46, and as the annual expenditure for staff and maintenance of the works averaged in the vicinity of \$6,000 per annum, it was decided to impose tolls for the use of all the works under the control of this department between Cameron Lake