

Department of Public Works.

M'NAIR'S COVE.

McNair's Cove, Antigonish County, is on the western shore of St. George's Bay, 2 miles south from Cape George.

A breakwater 400 feet in length was built on the north side of the cove in 1872-73. In 1875, the outer end, which had settled, was built up to the original height. In 1878, repairs were made and a new block was placed at the outer end.

In 1879, the work was carried away by drift ice to within 100 feet of the shore end, down to from 6 to 3 feet below low water. During the summer of 1883, 70 feet was rebuilt and during the winter of 1884, the work was extended 94 feet.

The 94 feet extension was badly damaged by drift ice in April, 1884, and was subsequently carried away.

A contract, entered into in 1887, for the reconstruction of 160 feet of the breakwater, was completed in 1888.

The new work is 32 feet in width on top, and has a face, sloping 1 to 1 above low water, on the seaward side and at the outer end. It was founded on a bottom dredged to from 12 feet at low water at the outer end to 6 feet at the inner end.

The seaward and outer end faces were protected by close piling. In 1890-91, the covering and floor stringers over about 70 feet of the inner portion of the breakwater were renewed, and 125 piles were procured for replacing the close piling of the outer work, but were not used.

During the year 1892-93, the sum of \$1,299.62 was expended in placing a talus of quarried stone on the seaward side of the 160 feet extension over a distance of 110 feet from the inner end, or to within 50 feet of the outer end.

It is proposed to complete the stone talus on the seaward side and to protect the outer end by close piling of creosoted timber.

MORDEN.

Morden, formerly called French Cross, King's County, is situated on the south shore of the Bay of Fundy, about 50 miles east of Digby Gut.

In April, 1893, the sum of \$260 was expended by day work in effecting some much needed general repairs, consisting of (a) rebuilding about two-thirds of the "break" on the north side of the wharf, and filling it with ballast, (b) newly close sheathing a length of 90 feet on the north face, and (c) in making good a small breach in the lower portion of the north face, which is much exposed.

NOEL.

The village of Noel, Hants County, is situated at the head of Noel Bay, an inconsiderable indentation on the south shore of Cobequid Bay, Basin of Minas, 12 miles west of Maitland, and 32 north-west of Shubenacadie, the nearest railway station on the I.C.R.

The public wharf, which is a pile structure 260 feet wide with an L at the outer end 50 feet long, was built by the department in 1889.

In June, 1893, the sum of \$200 was spent by day work in protecting the shore end of the work. The works consist of 100 feet in length of stone filled crib-work, 5 feet high and 5 feet wide, to protect the bank of marsh mud on the south side of the wharf from further scour; and a length of 40 feet by a height of 5 feet of 4-inch close sheathing on the north side of the wharf, to keep the waves from washing away the marsh mud from between and behind the close piling.

PARRSBORO' HARBOUR.

In the months of September and October, 1892, the sum of \$3,500 was expended by day-work in deepening the harbour by hand dredging at low water. The work consisted in deepening and straightening the channel from the entrance of the