

On the RIVER YAMACHICHE a channel 2,500 feet in length was made through the obstruction caused by a land slide. The flooded lands are now relieved and the water brought to its normal stage.

SHIP CHANNEL—RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.—In January, 1889, the control and management of the work was assumed by this Department. During the winter extensive repairs were made to the dredging plant, which, on the opening of navigation, was placed to work at Cap à la Roche, Poulter Rayer and Cape Charles, in deepening the channel at those points, which are adjacent to each other, to 27½ feet below low water, spring tides, and up to the close of the fiscal year a fair commencement had been made.

The channel which has been opened is 300 feet wide on the straight portions, and 320 feet wide at the bends, but it has been found difficult in many places to navigate large vessels, by reason of these bends, or the position of the channel where the "set of the current" has been crossed obliquely, and a further expenditure will have to be made to improve the channel at such points.

A full description of work done by the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal on the channel from the 1st December, 1888, will be found in the Report of the Commissioners, which is printed as Appendix No. 6, page 127.

At ST. ALPHONSE a slip has been built on the north side of the wharf, for the accommodation of small vessels.

At STE. ANNE DU SAGUENAY, timber required for the proposed wharf having been obtained during 1887-88, the work of construction was commenced during the past year, and a length of 77 feet built.

STE. ANNE DE SOREL. Another ice pier, 30 by 24 feet dimensions, 21 feet 6 inches in height, was built at the entrance to the Chenal du Moine, about 1½ miles below the village of Ste. Anne.

A part of the wharf at TADOUSSAC was re-built and raised 3 feet, a slip constructed and the flooring renewed.

At TROIS PISTOLES an extension of the wharf was commenced, but was not completed at the close of the fiscal year.

REPAIRS and IMPROVEMENTS were made to the wharves at BAIE ST. PAUL (Isolated Block), BERTHIER (EN BAS), CAP À L'AIGLE, CHICOUTIMI, MURRAY BAY, RIVIÈRE OUELLE, ST. ALPHONSE, ST. LAURENT (Island of Orleans.)

Dredging and other improvements to navigation were carried on at PAPINEAUVILLE, POINTE AUX ANGLAIS, PORT AU PERSIL, RAPIDE MANIGANCE (River St. Maurice), RIVIÈRE DU LOUP (EN BAS), RIVER L'ASSOMPTION, RIVER MEKINAC, RIVER RICHELIEU, RIVER ST. FRANCIS, ST. PLACIDE, and STE. ANNE DE LA PÉRADE. (Appendix No. 5, pages 87-97 and 115-117.)

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The expenditure on Public Buildings in this province for construction and repairs amounted to \$706,672.04.