

of which were built of iron of the aggregate tonnage of 523,638 tons, and 315 were of wood of the aggregate tonnage of 104,633 tons. Of this number 354 were steam vessels of the aggregate tonnage of 475,741 tons, and 356 sailing vessels having a tonnage of 152,530 tons. 643 of these vessels were British, and the rest foreign. The number of vessels that arrived the previous season was 612, having an aggregate tonnage of 506,969 tons. It will thus be seen that there has been a large increase during the past season as compared with the preceding. The increase in the number and tonnage of inland vessels that arrived in port was also largely in excess of the previous year, the number being 6,489 in 1880, and 5,698 in 1879; and the tonnage 1,044,380 in 1880, and 817,243 in 1879.

From the Harbour Engineer's Report it appears that the principal works performed during the past year were the enlargement and deepening of the Windmill Point Basin, the renewal of the old wharf and the completion of the new, dredging the main channel opposite the wharves and the further deepening and improvement of the main ship channel through the harbour, and the fitting up of the electric light on the wharves in the central part of the harbour.

The receipts of the Harbour Commissioners from all sources during the past year amounted to \$573,760.73. The net revenue from wharfage, tonnage, harbour dues, &c., amounted to \$326,424.69, while for the previous year it amounted to \$265,349.89, showing an increase of \$61,074.80, being largely in excess of any previous year. The sum of \$140,000 was received from the Dominion Government on account of new channel operations, \$100,000 from sale of debentures, and \$7,336.04 from rents and other sources. During the year the sum of \$149,898.39 was expended in new channel operations, \$36,679.51 in dredging, \$112,721.36 interest on harbour debt, \$58,902.74 Dominion Government interest, and \$104,098.11 in works, repairs and incidental expenses, making the total expenditure \$462,300.15. The Commissioners report that, while receipts from wharfage are largely in excess of any previous year, the local traffic continues to fall off, owing to the increased railway facilities.

The Report of the Harbour Commissioners for the Port of Quebec, with accompanying statements, will be found in Supplement No. 1. It will be seen from these statements that the total revenue of the Commissioners during the past year, arising from tonnage dues, harbour dues, revenue from property, interest &c., amounted to \$76,705.07, while for the preceding year it amounted to \$64,721.45, showing an increase of \$11,983.62 for the past year. Of the revenue received \$33,424.36 was for tonnage dues, \$18,839.40 for export, import and harbour dues, \$19,523.85 for revenue from property, and the balance for interest and sundries. The expenditure, including salaries of officials, interest and sinking fund on \$723,000 debentures and sundries, amounted to \$61,532.45, showing an excess of revenue over expenditure of \$15,172.62. The total value of the assets of the Corporation are given as \$1,673,290— including wharves and other properties, harbour improvements and graving dock—and the liabilities as \$1,518,676.68.