

PUBLIC WORKS.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE YEAR 1857.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF WORKS,
Fredericton, February, 1858.

*To His Excellency the Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and
Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In accordance with the provisions of the Act 18 Vict. cap. 7, sec. 2, establishing a Board of Works in this Province, and requiring the Chief Commissioner to make an annual "Report to the Governor in Council of all the Great Roads, and any other Provincial work upon which public money has been expended;" the undersigned has the honor to submit this General Report for the year 1857, accompanied by an Appendix, in which are embraced the following Statements and Reports:

A.—Statement shewing the amount expended by the Board of Works during the year, distributed under different heads; and of Warrants drawn on the Provincial Treasury in favour of this Department.

B.—Statement of amounts over or under expended by the Supervisors on the 1st of November 1857.

C.—List of new Bridges built the last season, with the principal dimensions and cost of each.

D.—Correspondence with the War Department relative to a Site for the Bridge over the Grand Falls of the River Saint John, with Bills of Materials and Specification, and Contract with Mr. Tomlinson for the erection of the Works.

E.—Reports and Correspondence relative to the deepening and buoying out the Horse Shoe Bar at the Mouth of the Miramichi River.

F.—Reports on the state of the Buildings, &c. on Hospital or Hardwood Island, near Saint Andrews.

G.—Report on the improvements executed by the late John Wilson at Dark Harbour, in the Island of Grand Manan.

H.—Replies to Circular Letter from the Chief Commissioner of Board of Works to Mill-Owners at Saint John, respecting the working of the Dredge at their Wharves.

GREAT ROADS AND BRIDGES.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Throughout the Province there are forty two lines of Great Road, comprising 1630 miles of Road, 470 large Bridges, and about 1400 small ones. Of the 470 large Bridges, a number have been recently erected on streams, the communication across which was formerly maintained by Ferries. Amongst these are the Nepisiguit, North West Miramichi, Little Tracadie, and Tabusintac. The Nepisiguit, finished in 1855, at a cost of £2,800; the North West Miramichi, completed in 1856, at an outlay of £6,583; the Little Tracadie, completed in 1857, at a cost of £850; and Tabusintac, opened in October last, and on which the expenditure, when completed, will be £2000. Bridges have