

## Department of Public Works.

Williams' Head, quarantine station.—Water supply improved, wagon road constructed, and some necessaries provided.

*See Appendix No. 2, page 46.*

**DREDGING**:—The dredge "Mud Lark" was engaged in deepening and improving the harbour of Victoria, 25,600 cubic yards of clay and gravel having been removed. More work would have been done and better results obtained, had not some unavoidable delays occurred, the most serious of which was caused by a fire which started on board of the tender "Princess" and was communicated to the dredge.

The snagboat "Samson" rendered very useful and effective service on the Fraser River, during the year, not only in the removal of snags, but in surveys, soundings, bank protection work, buoy service, etc.

The "Muskrat" was engaged on the Columbia River, during the year and performed much useful work towards facilitating navigation.

For a full and extended report of the operations of the dredge "Mud Lark" and snagboat "Sampson" *see* App. No. 3, page 153, and of the "Muskrat" at page 90.

**HARBOURS AND RIVERS**.—The operations, which the appropriations at the disposal of the department, enabled it to carry out in the Pacific province were as follows, viz. :—

Columbia River.—Improvement to navigation.

Fraser River                   do                   do

Kootenay River               do                   do

Okanagan River               do                   do

Skeena River :—Removal of snags.

Victoria Harbour :—Removal of dredger rock.

Many surveys and explorations were made whereby much information has been gathered as will better appear by perusal of the Chief Engineer's report at page 89 of App. No. 3.

## COLLECTOR OF REVENUE.

The report of this officer will be found at page 175 of Appendix No. 4. All the dues that accrued during the year together with a small portion of old arrears, were collected. The total sum obtained this year as stated above, was \$95,008.65, exclusive of the telegraph revenue which was \$7,430.47:

## CONTRACTS.

In Appendix No. 6, page 195, a list of all the contracts entered into by the department will be found. It specifies the service, the dates of the contracts, the amounts involved and the names of the contractors.

The same appendix also contains particulars of all the property purchased or sold during the fiscal year, with the names of the sellers and purchasers in each case, a description of the property and the price, together with a schedule of all leases entered into by the department.