

Much of this having been washed out during a high tide, the amount of \$250 authorized for expenditure has been used in making up the roadway with broken stone, which it is hoped will prove more permanent than the previous filling. Four new piles were also put in at the outer end, three others secured, and general repairs made to the planking, thus placing the pier in good condition.

LEWIS POINT PIER.

This pier is situated in King's County, on the northern side of the Cardigan River a short distance below Cardigan Bridge, the head of navigation for vessels, and about 8 miles from its entrance into Cardigan Bay. Cardigan station on the P. E. I. Railway is about half a mile from the pier. Large quantities of potatoes and oats are exported from the place at which there are several private wharfs, which being close to the bridge are not available as late in the season as the "Lewis Point Pier." It is 575 feet long and is composed of a shore abutment of 365 feet, two blocks each 35 feet and an outer block 79 feet in length, with intervening spans each about 20 feet wide out to the outer block which is 33 feet wide. The outer end stands in 7 feet of water at low water spring tides which rise 5 feet, the beach drying at low water to within 140 feet of its end.

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$248.85 was expended in renewing the top face timbers and capping of approach, putting in 69 new hardwood fender piles, replacing all broken or decayed planking and making up the roadway of the approach with broken stone.

MALPEQUE.

Malpeque Breakwater, Prince County, lies within the eastern or principal entrance of Richmond Bay, on the north shore of the Island, about 90 miles from East Point, and 40 miles from North Cape.

During 1877-78-79, a breakwater 600 feet in length was constructed by the department, on the western end of "Royalty Sands," on the eastern side of the harbour, to shelter the anchorage from north-east winds and afford a shipping place for the produce of the surrounding country.

Since the construction of the breakwater, the sands inside began to waste away by the action of the sea during easterly storms, and to prevent this action, a breastwork was constructed from the inner end of the breakwater to Royalty Point, a distance of 2,370 feet.

The sum of \$350 was expended during 1891-92, in reconstructing the top portion of the outer 400 feet of breakwater, which was carried away in the fall of 1890.

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$200 has been expended in repairing and strengthening the outer 500 feet of the breastwork through which, it was feared, a breach might be made.

MIMINIGASH.

Big Miminigash, Prince County, is situated on the north-west coast of the Island, about 15 miles from North Cape, and 18 miles from West Point.

Before its improvements, Big Miminigash was one of the numerous ponds along this coast which empty into the Northumberland Strait through sand beaches. Being sheltered to a great extent by Miminigash Reef, a ledge of rock nearly a mile long, which lies parallel to the shore, at a distance of about half a mile.

The outlet of the pond, called the "run," being through sandy soil, often changed its course. To make it permanent and to improve the depth of water in it, it was confined to a width of 56 feet, by works on either side, the department having expended about \$9,000 since 1878.

The works consist, on the north side, of a solid timber pier, 417 feet in length, and 150 feet of close piling, and on the south side, of a pier constructed of piles, brush and stone, 150 feet long.