

The net surplus revenue for the year has been \$20,005 55.

As will be seen from the traffic tables, there is a general diminution of receipts from all sources, as compared with the preceding year. This, I believe, was mainly owing to the depressed state of business in the Province.

The months of November and December last, as compared with the same months of the previous year, shew a considerable increase, which is probably owing to the impetus given to business by the improvement in shipbuilding.

As the arrangement with the Steamer Arabian has terminated, it is desirable that steam communication should be established between Shediac and the Northern Ports.

The traffic would be much increased, and the public interests served, if a means of communication with the water were provided at St. John.

A serious accident happened at Rothesay in February last, which was unfortunately attended with fatal results. Full details are furnished in the Superintendent's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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