

Port Maitland.—At the mouth of the Grand River, and entrance to the feeder of the Welland Canal, has from 10 to 12 feet between the piers; from 14 to 16 feet will be found in the river as far as Dunnville, where it is dammed, and whence there is communication with the Welland Canal.

Port Dover is not available for vessels drawing more than 8 feet. The piers are in a most imperfect state, and if not soon repaired, the port will be more a trap than a shelter.

Port Ryerse, as a harbour, is useless: something has been done to enable small vessels to load and discharge their cargoes.

Long Point Bay.—Good shelter may be obtained here, and at *Spithead* where anchorage may be chosen for the largest sized vessels that navigate the lakes. The channel into *Inner Bay* has closed, and the floating light is no longer exhibited.

Rouleau is a fine natural harbour, with from 18 to 20 feet at its entrance, and an average of 11 feet over its area. It has been suffered to fill up at the entrance. The western spit has been partially washed in: shoals have been formed inside, and almost across the passage; and render it so difficult that, for the present, it is impracticable.

Port Burwill (Otter Creek).—A small pier-harbour, with 8 feet of water. The piers are much out of repair.

Port Rowan, in *Inner Long Point Bay*, said to be well protected from easterly gales. Vessels drawing 7 feet of water can load at a pier which has been run out.

Port Bruce (Catfish Creek) is in the hands of a private company, and much out of repair. A vessel was lost in 1861 on a shoal which had formed 300 feet south of the piers.

Port Stanley is important from being in direct railway communication with London. It is a well constructed small pier-harbour, with 10 feet of water.

Port Talbot was entirely closed when the Commission visited it. It is said that the bar is occasionally washed away after heavy rains, when the creek might afford shelter for boats.

Pelé Island.—The anchorage on either side of Point Pelée and off Pelée Island is resorted to during heavy gales in preference to the pier-harbours.

Amherst Bay is the best harbour in Lake Erie, with 20 feet of water.

LAKE HURON.

Bayfield has 6 feet of water at the entrance of the river. The piers are nearly destroyed.

Goderich.—The harbour is valuable, being at the terminus of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway. It is proposed to dredge away two low swampy islands, to deepen the basin to 12 feet, and carry the piers into deep water. The harbour is in the possession of the Railway Company, who are carrying on the improvements. At present it affords shelter to a limited number of vessels, of from 10 to 11 feet draught.

Port Bruce.—The channel into this port is about 100 yards wide; and if the port were generally used, would require to be buoyed and lighted. The anchorage is well protected by shoals, and has 13 feet of water.