

Department of Public Works.

\$61,110.88, or \$11,924.63 more than the collections during the year ended 30th June, 1892.

Of the arrears of dues accrued since 1st July, 1889, there remains uncollected \$7,328.07, which is composed of Chaudière boorage of 1889-90, disputed and reported to the Privy Council, amounting to \$6,903.05; dues on a raft of timber, still in Quebec unsold, \$397.50 and \$28.42 amount of an account in the hands of a solicitor for collection. The remainder of the dues in arrear on 30th June, 1892, as shown in Statement No. 3, with my report for last year, consisted of the sum of \$590.70 since collected, and an overcharge of \$22.40 which was written off.

In short, the collections were as follows:—

Of dues accrued during fiscal year 1892-93.....	\$60,379 09
do do 1891-92.. ..	590 70
Interest on arrears.....	141 09
Total	\$61,110 88

The amounts outstanding uncollected on 30th June last, were as follows:—

Of dues accrued prior to 1st July, 1889, when the collection was transferred to this department.....	\$56,073 00
Accrued during year ending 30th June, 1890.....	6,903 05
do do do 1891.....	425 92
Total	\$63,401 97

showing a reduction of \$613.10 during the past year.

It will be observed that the amount of dues accrued prior to 1st July, 1889, stands at the same figure as it did on 30th June, 1892, namely, \$56,073. Statement No. 4, herewith, explains in detail of what this sum is composed, and why it has not been collected.

The amount of dues outstanding at Quebec on 1st July, 1889, that is to say, \$1,151.75, remains unchanged. A full explanation of this matter will be found in Statement No. 5, also herewith.

I have therefore much satisfaction in drawing attention to the fact that all the revenue accrued from the Ottawa District, since 1st July, 1889, apart from charges disputed on apparently good grounds, has been collected but \$425.92 as above explained.

Herewith inclosed are five statements relating to the Ottawa District, viz.:—

- No. 1. Statement of dues accrued, from each of the slides and works, during the year ending 30th June, 1893.
- No. 2. Statement of the number of pieces of timber, &c., which passed through the works, during the same period.
- No. 3. Statement of dues accrued since 1st July 1889, uncollected 30th June, 1893.
- No. 4. Statement of slide and boom dues outstanding at Ottawa, 30th June, 1889, uncollected 30th June, 1893.
- No. 5. Statement of slide dues outstanding at Quebec 30th June, 1889, uncollected 30th June, 1893.