

## Department of Public Works.

During the year an extension to the wharf of 185 feet in length by 30 feet in width was partially constructed, which, with the portion of 60 feet built in 1885-86, makes a total length of 245 feet by 30 feet, the average height of the wharf is about 20 feet, and the depth of water at L.W.S.T. is 5 feet.

The work built this year consisted of 4 piers, 30 feet by 20 feet, with spaces between each pier of 25 feet, which spaces were partially sheathed.

Ninety feet of the roadway was built, leaving 95 feet to complete. The amount expended was \$3,504.08. Spring tides rise 11 feet.

### MURRAY BAY.

Murray Bay, Charlevoix County, is on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, 83½ miles below Quebec. The wharf at this place is an important one, the steamers of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company calling daily (except Monday) on both trips.

During the year extensive repairs were effected on this wharf, consisting in the renewal of planking, cross ties and of the timbers supporting them—700 feet of cap timber 7 x 9 inches dimension were placed in position. Part of the sheathing was replaced. Fenders of elm and iron were placed at the head of the wharf. The movable slip at the head of the wharf was renewed in white elm. Mooring posts on the west side and at the head of the wharf were renewed, and the steps on the eastern side put in good order. The amount expended on the work mentioned above was \$1,780.98.

### NICOLET.

The river Nicolet empties into the St. Lawrence on its southern shore, at the foot of Lake St. Peter.

The jetty built at the outlet of the river was considerably injured by the ice shove which took place on the 10th December, 1891.

The work done since the 1st July, 1892, consisted in repairing the damage done to the jetty, and in building two ice-piers for its protection, as well as strengthening the weak places in the jetty by means of stone rip-rap.

The amount expended was \$1,953.50.

### RIMOUSKI.

Rimouski, the chief town of the county of Rimouski, is situated on the southern bank of the St. Lawrence 180 miles below Quebec.

The wharf at this place is 2,130 feet in length with a width varying from 20 to 50 feet, with an L at the outer end 100 feet in length by 30 feet in width, with a return of 125 by 30 feet. The depth at low water springs is 9.4 feet; spring tides rise 14 feet.

During 1892-93, the sum of \$2,963.89 was expended in continuing the sheathing on the west side of the wharf over a length of 451 feet.

### RIVIÈRE DU LIÈVRE.

The Rivière du Lièvre flows into the Ottawa River, 18 miles below the city of Ottawa. The lock is 16 miles above the mouth of the river and 12 miles above the village of Buckingham.

During the fiscal year, 460 feet of booms were built which were placed in position in June last, some stone protection work was built and other necessary repairs and improvements were made.