

The quantity of grain discharged in the port from vessels which did not enter the Canal, was as follows:—

	1874	1875	1876	1877
	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
Wheat	539,620	653,820	389,000	337,040
Corn	659,400	145,800	247,040	422,800
Barley		9,440		

Canal Statistics for the Season of Navigation.

39. Following the plan adopted in my last Report, the statistics for the season of navigation, 1877, will be given separately, and will be accompanied by the usual comparative statements. Statistics for season of navigation to follow.

Slides and Booms.

40. The revenue accrued from these works in 1876-77, amounted to \$111,085. In 1875-76 it amounted to \$99,064, shewing an increase of \$12,021. The outstanding balances now amount to \$221,240, an increase of \$3,601. The greater portion of these balances consist of disputed claims, the settlement of which has been delayed from time to time. Comparison of revenue.

Hydraulic Rents and Minor Public Works.

41. The outstanding balances due on account of Hydraulic Rents have been augmented during the past year from \$193,199 to \$218,735. The balances due on Minor Public Works have been increased by \$1,876. The revenue accrued on all these works, was \$57,472, of which \$24,916 has been collected, and \$5,234 remitted by authority. Since the accounts from which the above figures are drawn were closed, steps have been taken to force the collection of such items in those balances, as to which there can be no valid question of liability. Outstanding balances.

CULLING TIMBER.

42. The fees accrued from culling timber in 1876-77 amounted to \$67,127, while the amount collected was \$74,216, thereby reducing the outstanding balances from \$33,901 to \$26,813. A considerable portion of this balance will probably be lost, but such of the items as are considered good have been placed in the hands of the agents of the Minister of Justice for collection, and a regulation has been established forbidding the supervisor to issue any specifications in future, until the fees arising thereon have been paid. Outstanding balances.