

## Department of Public Works.

The harbour, although only designed for, and affording, 15 feet at low water spring tides (equal to 23 feet at high water) has been used by large barques engaged in carrying New Brunswick deals to England. It appears that deals, when shipped dry and clean, command higher prices in the English market, than when wet and bruised in the course of rafting. The deals shipped at Cape Tormentine are taken from the train directly on board the vessel in clean and bright condition.

No further injury from the worm is apparent above water, but there is no doubt that the destructive teredo is actively engaged in weakening the work, and that before long measures must be adopted to ensure its preservation. The expenditure for the fiscal year has been \$42,600.61.

### CLIFTON.

Clifton, Gloucester County, is situated on the south shore of the Baie des Chaleurs, about midway between Bathurst and Caraquet harbours. Extensive stone quarries are worked in the district, the stone being used for building purposes and in the manufacture of all the different grades of scythe- and grind-stones. Two firms, Messrs. Henry Read & Co., and Messrs. Lombard & Co., are largely engaged in this business, and to facilitate shipment, the former firm, many years ago, built a breakwater 480 feet in length, which was transferred to the Crown in 1878, extended 100 feet and a return or L 200 feet long built in a westerly direction, inclosing an area of sufficient size to shelter vessels and fishing crafts.

The outer face of the return having become much injured by the combined action of the "teredo" and ice, many of the face timbers being destroyed, allowing the ballast to escape, and floor stringers and covering broken by the large quantities of ice piled up upon the work by a storm that occurred during the winter of 1890, repairs were commenced in 1891-92. There has, during the past fiscal year, been expended the further sum of \$498.93 in the completion of close sheathing with hardwood timber of the outer face, repair of flooring, reballasting, and placing of rip-rap along the eastern side of the work.

### DALHOUSIE HARBOUR

Is situated at the head of the Baie des Chaleurs and a short distance below the mouth of the Restigouche River. Dalhousie, the shire town of Restigouche County, is on the south side of the harbour at its lower or eastern end. A branch line of railway connects the town with the Intercolonial system, the branch extending to a wharf, having at its end a depth of from 12 to 15 feet of water at low water spring tides. The principal export of the place is lumber, and as vessels with few exceptions visiting the port for cargoes arrive in ballast, the disposal of this became to be a matter of difficulty; the usual practice was to discharge the ballast into the deep water on the northern side of the harbour, and this was likely to prove of serious injury. To prevent this, the department in 1886, constructed under contract, a ballast wharf immediately above and adjoining the railway wharf, the work consisting of a length of 300 feet.

This work having become somewhat damaged by the ice since construction, its repair was commenced during the latter part of May, 1892, when the sum of \$500 was expended. Since July 1st, 1892, repairs and strengthening were completed at a further cost of \$249.90, consisting in close piling its upper 50 feet, replacing sheathing of face, and repair of covering, guard timbers, &c.

### EDGETT'S LANDING.

Edgett's Landing, Albert County, is on the west side of the Petitecodiac River, 2 miles south of the railway station and village of Hillsborough.

Many years ago, before communication was opened by the Albert Railway, the Local Government constructed a steamboat wharf at this place, which was destroyed in the fall of 1869 by the "Saxly Gale."