

LACHINE.—Cadastral lot No. 253, on St. Joseph street, the main street of the town, was acquired for a site, and plans, &c., for a Post Office building thereon, are being prepared by this Department.

MONTREAL.—The fittings for the various armouries and furnishings for offices were supplied, and the places are now occupied.

Extensive alterations were made to boilers and heating apparatus in the Custom House. The Record Office was enlarged and other work done.

Various alterations and improvements were made in the Examining Warehouse and Post Office.

ST. HYACINTHE.—On 19th March, 1889, a site, consisting of Lot 525, and a portion of 524, on the corner of Girouard and St. Joseph streets, with frontages of 81 feet 6 inches, and 133 feet 3 inches, respectively, was acquired, and plans, &c., for the construction of a public building are in course of preparation.

ST. JEROME.—Public Building. This building, which was described in my report of last year, has since been in constant progress; plans for the hot water apparatus are prepared, and the building is expected to be complete for occupation during December, 1889.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY.—The walls of the western Dormitory wing, which is 116 feet by 42 feet on plan, and is to contain 120 cells, were carried up continuously, and are expected to be roofed in and enclosed by October, 1889.

Additions, alterations and repairs were made to the various buildings and the water works.

REPAIRS, ALTERATIONS and IMPROVEMENTS were effected on the Marine Hospital, CHICOUTIMI; Post Office, HULL. The Citidal, Custom House, Immigration Building, Marine Hospital, Observatory, Post Office and Queen's Wharf Building, QUEBEC; Public Buildings, SHEBROOKE and SOREL, and to the Custom House and Post Office, THREE RIVERS. (Appendix No. 2, pages 28–30).

HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

The expenditure during the year for construction and repairs amounted to \$188,088.00.

Works of construction were carried on at

BAIE ST. PAUL where the wharf at Cap aux Corbeaux was extended 60 feet on a width of 50 feet, the work being done by contract.

At CAP DE CHATTE, the channel was widened and deepened, and otherwise improved.

At CAP SANTÉ, a number of the most dangerous boulders were blasted and removed.

At COTEAU DU LAC, a wharf has been built, consisting of a block 100 feet long by 20 feet wide, with an approach of 110 feet, which has a width of 20 feet. There is 6 feet of water at the outer side of the block, the top of which is 5 feet above water line. A passenger and freight shed, 20 feet by 24 feet, was built on the lower side of the approach.

At the close of the fiscal year the Department was engaged in re-building—over a length of 800 feet—the wharf at COTEAU LANDING, at which steamers make regular calls.