

## Department of Public Works.

**No. 5.—STATEMENT of Outstanding Slide dues, Ottawa District, bonds for which were sent to Quebec for collection.**

Name.	From 1860.	From 1861.	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Hon. James Skead . . . . .	245 00	210 00	455 00
James Mair . . . . .		696 75	696 75
	245 00	906 75	1,151 75

These amounts were uncollected as the parties claimed damages for loss caused by the Madawaska boom breaking away in 1860.

A decision on their claim was not arrived at until 2nd August, 1869, on the 5th idem Messrs. Skead and Mair were notified that the department could not recognize their claim.

To the best of my knowledge this decision was never communicated to the collector of slide dues, consequently their accounts remained in abeyance. Since then both parties died, and I believe both were insolvent at the time of their death.

**EDWARD T. SMITH,**

*Collector of Slide and Boom Dues.*

OTTAWA, 30th June, 1893.

### ST. MAURICE DISTRICT.

**No. 6.—STATEMENT of Slide and Boom dues from the St. Maurice Slides and Works, outstanding on 30th June, 1893.**

Name.	Years to which dues belong.	Amount.	Total.	Remarks.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	
George Baptist, Son & Co. . . . .	1878	469 95		Have counter claims for damages to logs caused by the booms not being stretched early enough in the spring of 1878 to permit the logs going over the chutes.
do do . . . . .	1879	2,110 62		
do do . . . . .	1880	1,696 18		
do do . . . . .	1881	293 69		
do do . . . . .	1882	165 80		
do do . . . . .	1884	118 50		
do do . . . . .	1888	4 28	4,859 02	
Ross, Ritchie & Co. . . . .	1878	3,072 84		These claims were submitted to special commissioner Mr. McDougall, afterwards judge, who after hearing the evidence on both sides, recommended that the claims of the parties should be allowed.
do . . . . .	1883	2,173 68		
do . . . . .	1884	21 96		
do . . . . .	1886	1 62		
do . . . . .	1887	4 38	5,281 48	
Alexander Baptist . . . . .	1879		2,116 96	
Hall, Neilson & Co. acc't, . . . . .	1886	750 41		Legal action is being taken to collect this.
do do . . . . .	1887	690 44	1,440 90	
William Ritchie & Co. . . . .	1888	779 24		Of this amount, \$754.20 is claimed to be an overcharge.
do . . . . .	1889	332 11	1,111 35	
Ritchie Bros. . . . .	1886	413 43		This amount is composed of overcharges in 1886 and 1887 of \$842.76 and overpayment in 1884 of \$205.38.
do . . . . .	1887	634 71	1,048 14	
G. B. Hall . . . . .	1890		49 34	Claims that this balance is an overcharge.
T. E. Normand . . . . .	1890		14 28	
Treffé Biron . . . . .	1891		92	
<b>Total . . . . .</b>			<b>15,922 39</b>	

To make this balance agree with the Public Accounts there should be deducted \$7.93 overcredited to Alexander Baptist, and \$217.17 added thereto, being \$190.40 paid 23rd July, 1884, and \$26.77 overcharged in error to Wm. Little, not in any of collectors, returns, which will give balance due 30th June, 1893, of \$16,131.63.

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