

15 or 20 years, and then only to a depth about half-way between the top and the low water line.

The total capital expenditure in the construction of the Harbour is, up to the present time, about \$2,000,000; the interest on which is met by dues levied upon the vessels and cargoes.

The following is the number and tonnage of sea-going and inland vessels which arrived in Port in the past ten years:—

SEA-GOING VESSELS.			INLAND VESSELS.		
Year.	No.	Tonnage.	Year.	No.	Tonnage.
1868....	478	198,759	1868....	5,822	746,927
1869....	557	259,863	1869....	5,866	721,334
1870....	680	316,846	1870....	6,345	819,476
1871....	664	351,721	1871....	6,878	624,787
1872....	727	398,800	1872....	7,150	936,782
1873....	702	412,478	1873....	6,751	983,462
1874....	730	423,423	1874....	6,855	956,837
1875....	642	386,112	1875....	6,178	811,410
1876....	602	391,180	1876....	6,083	786,083
1877....	513	376,859	1877....	6,333	847,978
1878....	516	397,266	1878....	5,202	764,243

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