

protect them from wash by the action of the water ; clearing out deposit from the bottom of the canal, ditching and such other works as are necessary for the maintenance of canal.

The renewals during the year consist of the completion of a pair of gates for No. 2 lock, 6 pairs for the mountain range of locks, 2 pairs for each of the Allanburgh Junction and Port Colborne locks, with the construction of a bridge over the canal at lock No. 2, and over the Beaver Dam Creek, together with the rebuilding of scows, for hanging of lock gates, and breaking ice.

During the past winter, the water was drawn off between Port Dalhousie and Allanburgh, when the canal between lock No. 2 and Allanburgh was thoroughly cleansed, and the locks and slope walls repaired.

The breaches in the embankments at Dunnville caused by the overflow on the 20th and 21st April last, have been got up to their full dimensions, but half their cost is included in the returns for the fiscal year, as the work has been completed since these returns were furnished.

Rents.

The annual rental of the water power and other property leased on this canal is.....	\$8,799.11
The amount collected during the fiscal year is.....	5,526.05
The amount remitted is.....	78.00
The amount remaining due on the 1st July is.....	18,595.36

Schedule No. 1, appended, gives a list of the several holdings, with the yearly rents, payments, and amounts standing due.

Lands sold.

Since my last report, no payments have been made upon the purchase of the tracts of land, known as the "Great Cranberry Marsh," by the municipality of the county of Welland.

This tract comprises an area of 12,912 acres, situated in the township of Humberston and Wainfleet. Upon this purchase there remains due \$10,329.60, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the 2nd day of May, 1854.

Damages, &c., collected.

Schedule No. 2, appended gives a list of the vessels &c., upon which penalties have been imposed, and collected, for damages done to the works, and for breaches of the canal regulations.

The amount collected is \$3,361.00.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

S. D. WOODRUFF,
Superintendent.