

EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC WORKS.

POST OFFICES, CUSTOM HOUSES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

The report of the Minister of Works recently issued contains details of the expenditures on the Public Buildings, the Harbours and Rivers, the Telegraph lines and other public works of the Dominion for the year 1900, which afford data for the following summaries.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

	Construction and Improvements.	Repairs and Furniture.	Staff and Maintenance.	Total.
Nova Scotia	79,328	3,991	19,759	103,078
P. E. Island .....	.....	1,826	5,024	6,850
New Brunswick	22,994	6,129	20,659	49,782
Quebec	20,287	59,928	49,632	129,847
Ontario	233,392	159,646	184,429	577,467
Manitoba	1,545	6,072	15,652	23,269
N. W. Territories	26,261	4,044	12,655	42,960
Brit. Columbia	68,288	7,468	13,154	88,910
Yukon	74,439	13,433	41,153	127,025
Sundries .....	.....	.....	13,614	13,614
Totals Pub. Buildings,	526,534	262,537	375,731	1,162,802

HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

Provinces.	Dredging.	Construction, improvements and repairs.	Staff and maintenance.	Total.
Nova Scotia	27,218	124,671	11,654	163,543
P. E. Islands	16,046	16,827	920	33,793
New Brunswick	25,513	46,012	1,654	73,180
Quebec	474,086	165,147	16,430	655,663
Ontario	122,880	171,201	14,383	308,464
Manitoba	8,032	23,624	1,628	33,284
N.W. Territories .....	.....	.....	1,805	1,805
Brit. Columbia	26,971	55,618	15,623	98,212
Yukon .....	.....	61,751	.....	61,751
Sundries	3,194	.....	5,148	8,342
Totals Harb. and Riv.	703,940	664,852	69,245	1,438,037

RECAPITULATION.

Dredging.	Construction and improvements.	Repairs.	Staff and maintenance.	Total.
703,942	1,689,548	491,192	678,344	3,563,026

Amongst the "Miscellaneous" items, we find \$6,000 for a "Statue of Her Majesty, the Queen, in commemoration of Her Diamond Jubilee" \$450 "Cost of bringing Fire Brigades from Montreal, Brockville and Peterboro, on occasion of fire, 26th April, 1900." The outlay for payments to "temporary employees" were, for secretary and accountant's staff, \$24,999; chief architect's staff, \$19,986; chief engineer's staff, \$41,989; superintendent telegraph service staff, \$2,900; departmental photographer, \$700; which make an expenditure of \$90,574 for "temporary employees."

ANALYSIS OF OUTLAYS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The following shows the respective amounts expended on the post offices and custom houses of the Dominion in 1900, and shows the number of each class office upon which money was expended. In a very few cases the building used for a post office is also utilized as a custom house, in which cases the outlays are charged to the post office, as that department appears to be principal tenant of such joint offices.

Provinces.	No. of P. Offices	Outlays on P. Offices	No. of Custom Houses	Outlays on Cust. H.
Nova Scotia	16	\$ 29,803	2	\$ 3,160
" ..	..	8,510	..	1,821
P. E. Island	2	1,081	..	.....
" ..	..	65	..	.....
New Brunswick	13	5,591	2	2,398
" ..	..	14,781	..	4,256
Quebec	24	30,468	5	9,767
" ..	..	26,261	..	10,314
Ontario	49	74,311	6	8,461
" ..	..	49,551	..	12,127
Manitoba	3	11,234	1	1,688
" ..	..	4,264	..	849
N. W. Territories	3	2,509	3	794
" ..	..	343	..	104
British Columbia	9	13,903	3	1,835
" ..	..	8,777	..	911

In the above table the first line of figures for each province for post offices and custom houses includes: "construction and improvements, repairs and furniture, staff and maintenance"; the second line includes, "rents, engineer's salaries, heating, lighting and water." The principal outlays on new buildings of the above classes were, Ingersol post office, \$10,081; Kentville post office, \$10,478; Liverpool post office, \$12,011; Rat Portage post office, \$12,028; Sarnia post office, \$8,596; Woodstock post office, \$10,515; Victoria post office, \$8,527. Other public buildings in which the expenditures were large were Halifax Drill Hall, \$14,839; Halifax New Public Building, \$24,048; Quarantine Station, \$7,608; St. John Quarantine Station, \$19,593; Grosse Isle, \$12,801; Kingston Drill Hall, \$39,975; London Drill Hall, \$5,010; Rideau Hall, \$46,514; Ottawa Buildings, \$213,839; Medicine Hat Court House, \$8,280; Regina Land Office, \$10,549; Nelson Public Building, \$11,346; Westminster Building, \$13,429; Rossland Building, \$12,366; Vancouver Drill Hall, \$18,889; Yukon Public Buildings, \$85,863.

The expenditures on harbours and rivers were distributed amongst 350 places. The largest items are, dredging St. Lawrence Ship Canal, \$413,138; Goderich Harbour Works, \$33,663; Collingwood, \$42,046; Kammistiquia, \$11,148; Owen Sound, \$10,897; Port Burwell, \$44,578; Port Dover, \$25,000; Port Stanley, \$13,007; Toronto, \$21,259; Fraser River, B.C., \$24,921; Lewis and Yukon Rivers, \$61,750. On telegraph lines the main items were, North Shore, St. Lawrence, \$43,830; Quesnelle, Atlin, \$223,044; Bennett, Dawson, Atlin, \$157,209.

The above is a striking exhibit of the extensive operations carried on by the Department of Public Works, and shows how each Province shares in the distribution of public money.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION is the subject of a lecture delivered last evening at the Windsor Hall in this city, by Mr. G. R. Parkin, LL.D., Principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto. The lecture was delivered under the auspices of the Undergraduates' Literary Society, McGill College. Principal Parkin is one of the pioneers of the Imperial Federation movement, to the promotion of which he has given great attention and valuable services.