

## Department of Public Works.

During the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1892, the cribwork on the west side of the railway wharf, which was old and defective, was broken up, rebuilt and refloored.

Some new flooring was laid on the east side of the same wharf, 6 new snubbing posts were put in, and other repairs effected.

### PORT ROWAN.

Port Rowan is situated on the north shore of Lake Erie, in Long Point Bay, 21 miles from the town of Simcoe, in the county of Norfolk.

Parliament having appropriated the sum of \$6,000 towards the construction of a landing pier at this place, plans and specifications were prepared and a contract let to Mr. Patrick Navin on the 5th December, 1892, for the same.

Up to the close of the fiscal year the greater portion of the outer end (crib-work) had been constructed.

### RAINY RIVER.

The Rainy River which has a length of about 100 miles, connects the waters of Rainy Lake and Lake of the Woods. It is situated in the north-western portion of the province of Ontario, in the district of Algoma. Its navigation is impeded by rapids, the two principal being the Manitou and Long Sault Rapids.

To facilitate the navigation of this river, Parliament appropriated for expenditure during 1892-93, the sum of \$4,500. The work undertaken was the construction of two blocks of crib-work, the first at Manitou Rapids, the dimensions being 30 feet in length, 20 feet in width, and to a height of 3 feet above high water mark; the second at the Long Sault Rapids, the dimensions of this block being 25 feet in length, 20 feet in width, and of the same height above high water as that at the Manitou Rapids.

The object of these blocks is that boats, when ascending the river, can make a line fast to a snubbing post built on the blocks in question, and by using the capstans with which the boats are provided, haul themselves up these rapids.

### RIVER BEAUDETTE.

The River Beaudette has its source in the county of Glengarry, and empties into Lake St. Francis at Point à Beaudette.

The work done during the fiscal year for the improvement of this river was the removal of a temporary dam opposite McMillan's farm, and of all windfalls across the river from Monroe's Mills to Glen Nevis, as well as driftwood and weeds.

### SOUTHAMPTON.

Southampton is situated on the south shore of Lake Huron, in the electoral district of North Bruce, and is the terminus of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Division of the Grand Trunk Railway.

On the 19th July last, authority was given to expend the sum of \$3,500 in leveling up the landing pier, the portion built in 1885—250 feet in length. Work was commenced in August. On the 26th of January last, a further sum of \$1,200 was authorized to be expended in repairs to the eastern breakwater, making a total of \$3,700.83.

The whole of the work was completed by the end of the fiscal year, and the amount expended was \$3,699.83.

### THORNBURY.

Is situated on the west side of Georgian Bay, at the mouth of the Beaver River, in the county of Grey, east riding, 13 miles west of Collingwood. It is a station on the northern division of the Grand Trunk Railway.