

The work under construction consists in all of a length of 500 feet, 480 feet of which will be 12 feet wide on top, the remaining 20 feet or outer block 20 feet wide, the whole composed of "blocks" and "spans," and giving at the outer end a depth of 2 feet at low water.

At PARTRIDGE ISLAND, the reconstruction of the eastern pier referred to in my report of last year, has been completed.

At RICHIBUCTO with the amount appropriated 225 feet of the breakwater was re-filled with brush and stone, and extra walings were put on, 300 feet of new work was built and fender piles replaced.

At SHIPPEGAN during the past season a breach made in the winter of 1887-88 has been secured by the reconstruction of the length carried away (60 feet), general repairs also being effected.

To provide wharfage accommodation at St. Louis, a contract was entered into on 6th November, 1888, for the construction of a wharf 200 feet in length and 30 feet wide on top, to extend in a north-easterly direction from the outer end of the south abutment of the bridge. This wharf will have at it a depth of 7 feet at low water spring tides, which rise here $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet, neaps 2 feet. Materials were got out during the winter, and the work commenced during the last week of the fiscal year.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS, where required, were made to the breakwaters at ANDERSON'S HOLLOW, HOPEWELL CAPE, POINT DU CHÊNE and UPPER SALMON RIVER.

DREDGING was done on the "Traverse" near CAMPBELLTON, on the KENNEBECASIS, from below Hampton to the bridge at PERRY'S POINT, on the OROMOTO SHOALS, in the St. John River, at the Anchor Line wharf, ST. JOHN HARBOUR, while improvements were made on the RIVER MADAWASKA and at various points on the ST. JOHN. (Appendix No. 5, pages 81 to 87, and 112 and 113.)

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

During the year the sum of \$290,133.91 was expended on construction and repairs, of the undermentioned public buildings:—

AYLMER, Post Office.—This building, which was described in my report of last year, was completed, and furnished with a hot water heating apparatus, and is now being fitted up for occupation.

COATICOOK, Public Building, which was described in my report of last year, is being carried on so as to warrant its execution and completion during the autumn of 1889; a heating apparatus has been put in, and fittings for Post Office.

FRASERVILLE (Rivière du Loup).—On 26th March, 1889, Cadastral Lot 266, having a frontage of 100 feet on Iberville street and 75 feet on Champlain street, was purchased for a Post Office etc., Building.

JOLIETTE.—The Post Office, etc., building will, it is expected, be completed in the autumn.