

Department of Public Works.

General repairs were again made in 1884-85, when 50 feet of the outer end was close piled, the "dam" being raised where settlement had taken place. Further close piling and some general repairs of the work were also made in 1886-87, and during 1888-89, a length of 60 feet which had been seriously damaged the previous winter, was reconstructed.

In November, 1889, a contract was entered into for the construction of an additional block of 50 feet, at the end of the eastern or existing breakwater, and the construction of a breakwater to extend 1,000 feet, in a southerly direction, from the beach west of the "gully," the whole being completed in January, 1892.

A length of 137 feet of the inner end of the work built in 1875 was reconstructed in 1892, under the direct charge of an officer of the department and other necessary works of repairs and improvements were effected.

During the past fiscal year the sum of \$500 was expended in pile-fendering the outer 100 feet of the eastern side of the west breakwater and reballasting where settlement had taken place.

The most favourable results have been derived from the works constructed, the direction of the channel and the greater depth of water having been of great benefit to the fishing fleet and other vessels.

TRACADIE.

Tracadie Harbour, Gloucester County, is situated on the east coast of New Brunswick, about midway between Shippegan Gully and the entrance into Miramichi Bay, and is entered from the Gulf of St. Lawrence by what is known as the "north," "south" and "old" gullies. The harbour is some 6 miles in length, by $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile or more in width, but, excepting in the river channels (North and South Tracadie Rivers) and in the channels entering from the different gullies, is quite shoal, being almost dry at low water spring tides.

To provide wharfrage facilities for the district, which is a large and populous one, containing fully 2,000 inhabitants, a contract was entered into August 4th, 1892, for the construction of a public landing pier, 1,430 feet long, extending to the edge of the channel of the "North Gully," the work consisting of a shore approach 250 feet long, 28 "blocks" 20 x 25 feet, one "block" 40 x 25 feet, and 29 spans or openings of 20 feet each, the latter spanned by 7 floor stringers 10 x 12 inches, the whole of the work being covered with 3-inch planking. The blocks and shore approach are to be constructed of round logs, open cribwork, and fully filled with ballast, fendered, etc.

Timber, ballast and other materials were got out during the past winter, and at the close of the fiscal year preparations were nearly completed for commencing the work of construction.

PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

ANNANDALE.

This pier is situated in King's County, on the north side of Grand River, near its entrance into Boughton Bay. It is distant by road 14 miles from Souris the eastern terminus of the Prince Edward Island Railway, and is the principal shipping place for a large agricultural district; large quantities of produce are annually exported, while general merchandise and coal are imported; some fishing is also done from the locality.

The pier, originally constructed by the Local Government, is one of those taken over by the department in 1883, and consists of an approach 300 feet in length and 23 feet wide, with a pier-head 140 feet long, averaging 36 feet in width. The approach, excepting a short open span of 18 feet in width, which is planked over, is constructed of close face squared timber work, filled in with brush, stone and clay,