

OPENING AND CLOSING OF NAVIGATION.

Appendix No. 14, pages 183-184, gives a statement of the dates of the closing of navigation in the winter of 1888, and of the opening in 1889, at the principal ports of Canada. A list of the ports which are always open is also given.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY.

Some additions have been made to the pictures during the year, and the curator reports a steady increase in the number of visitors. (Appendix 17, page 203.)

CONTRACTS, PROPERTY PURCHASED, &c.

Appendix No. 15, pages 187-192, contains statements of the contracts entered into by the Department, of property purchased by the Department, and of property leased by or to the Department, during the fiscal year.

ACTS RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS

Appendix No. 16, page 199, contains a list of some of the Public Acts of the Parliament of Canada, passed at the Session of 1889, and having reference to the Public Works Department, or works under its charge.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF.

In appendix No. 18, pages 206 and 207, will be found a list of the Members, Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners of the Board of Works of the Province of Canada from 1841 to 1867; and of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Secretaries, Chief Engineers and Chief Architects of the Department of Public Works, from Confederation to 30th June, 1889.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Appendix No. 20, page 247, contains a statement of the official correspondence of the Department from 1867 to 30th June, 1889, as well as that of the principal officers of the Department.

GRAVING DOCKS.

There are at present three graving, or dry docks, opened for the reception and repairs of ocean-going steamers and vessels, viz. at Halifax, Nova Scotia; Levis, Quebec; and Esquimalt, British Columbia, while a fourth, to accommodate vessels engaged in the lake trade, is under construction at Kingston, Ontario. Their dimensions are as follows:—

HALIFAX :

	Feet.
Length.....	585
Width at coping level.....	102
do bottom.....	72
do entrance.....	95½
Depth of water on sill at ordinary spring tides.....	30
(Spring tides rise 6 feet, neaps 3 feet.)	