
APPENDIX No. 14.

SLIDES, BOOMS, AND NAVIGATION—RIVER TRENT AND NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

Description of the works and repairs executed during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1869,
by G. W. Ranney, Superintendent.

(No. 7,497.)

BELLEVILLE, 27th July, 1869.

F. BRAUN, Esquire,
Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

SIR,—In compliance with general instructions to make semi-annual reports, I have the honor to submit the following. The Trent works under my charge have suffered to some extent from the extreme high water this last spring, but no interruption or delay of navigation to boats or timber occurred. At Burleigh Rapids, on the same line of communication, a dam and slide gave away, which detained navigation a few days, but all the timber and logs are likely to get to market.

The lumber trade in square timber having decreased, and the sawn lumber trade increased very much this year, some alterations and improvements were required in the works provided for the timber trade, which have been done by the Committee of Management, Trent Slides.

No new works with the exception of a fish pass at Bobcaygeon, have been made during this year, by the direction of the Department. At the western end of this line of communication the increased lumber trade, together with the increase of general business, demands better facilities of navigation.

In further compliance with instructions, I annex an abstract statement of appropriations and expenditures from 1st January to 1st July, 1869. The repairs are hardly descriptive, as they consisted of so general a character to all parts of the works.

The expenditure on tops of the lock gates, and working machinery at Bobcaygeon forms the largest item in the amount.

Having furnished an approximate estimate of the probable cost for maintenance &c., for the half year ending 1st January, 1869, I do not recapitulate.

I would again suggest that tolls should be collected at Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, Buckhorn and Hastings, to create a revenue for the maintenance and improvement of that end of the line of communication. In respectfully submitting the same,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

G. W. RANNEY,
Superintendent Trent Works.
