

MEAFORD

Is situated on the Georgian Bay, 18 miles west of Collingwood and 20 miles to the east of Owen Sound. It is an incorporated town in the county of Grey and the terminus of the Northern Division of the Grand Trunk Railway.

At the last session of Parliament the sum of \$3,600 was voted for rebuilding 500 feet in length of pile protection work on the west side of the harbour.

Difficulty was experienced in obtaining the proper materials for the piles at the season of the year (mid-summer); the work was, however, commenced early in September last, and 150 feet in length of work completed, and all the materials required for the full length of 500 feet were delivered and paid for by the end of December last. The expenditure has been \$3,592.59.

A further sum to complete the work has been appropriated for 1893-94 the expenditure of which will place the several structures in thorough repair.

M'INNIS BANK.

McInnis Bank, Mudge Bay, lies directly in the track of steamers taking either the inside or outside channel of Clapperton Island.

This shoal consists of a nest of boulders covering a space of 300 feet long by 100 feet wide. Between these boulders there is sand and a depth of 18 feet of water.

On the 1st of October, 1892, the tug "John Harrison" towed the necessary plant up to Mudge Bay for the purpose of removing these boulders, but the stormy weather much retarded the progress of the work. However, when possible, work was continued until the 7th October, when the scows and plant were towed back to Little Current and laid up in winter quarters. During this time 65 yards of boulders were removed, some of them being very large. The shallowest part on this shoal now is 13 feet, but from the examination made, there yet remains about 500 yards of boulders to completely clear the shoal and leave a depth of $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water.

There is no doubt but this obstruction has been a great impediment to navigation, and even its partial removal has given great satisfaction.

PORT ALBERT.

Port Albert is situated at the mouth of Nine Mile Creek, on the east shore of Lake Huron, 11 miles north of Goderich, in the township of Ashfield, county of Huron.

On the 19th November, 1892, authority was given to expend a sum not to exceed \$200 in repairing the north pier. This work was completed in February last at a cost of \$198.91.

On the 10th March last a contract was entered into with Mr. Patrick Navin, to construct an extension of 200 feet in length to each of the piers, and to dredge berths for the crib-work for same, and the work of framing timber for the cribs was commenced in June last.

PORT ELGIN.

Port Elgin is in the county of Bruce, and is situated on the eastern shore of Lake Huron, 4 miles from Southampton and 24 from Kincardine.

The breakwater at this place being in need of repair, work thereon was commenced on the 17th August, 1892, and completed on the 30th September of the same year, at a cost of \$700.

PORT HOPE.

The harbour of Port Hope, Durham County, is on Lake Ontario, 7 miles west of Cobourg, and 107 miles from Kingston.