

## Department of Public Works.

Work was commenced on 22nd May, and at the end of the fiscal year 30 pile bents had been driven (equal to 300 feet), 21 bents capped, 15 on which floor stringers had been laid and 3 on which covering had been placed. The amount expended was \$2,030.30.

During the first part of the fiscal year, the sum of \$56.89 was expended in lengthening some of the fender piles on the outer end of the pier.

### EATONVILLE.

Eatonville, formerly called the "The Three Sisters," Cumberland County, is about 10 miles north of Chignecto Cape, Bay of Fundy, and 4 miles south of Apple River.

During the year a block of breakwater 205 feet long, 20 feet wide and of an average height of 14 feet was built to fill the gap between the existing breakwater and Messrs. Eatons' wharf.

This work, in addition to the great improvement it made in shipping facilities, was necessary to protect the gravel beach at the shore end of the old work from the inroads of the sea. It was built by contract at a cost of \$2,700.

### FOX ISLAND.

Fox Island, Halifax County, is situated on the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia, about 15 miles to the eastward of the city of Halifax. It lies about 800 feet distant from the mainland to which it is connected by a bar of shingle and gravel.

The island is about three acres in extent, and in the summer is used as a fishing station, being then occupied by fishermen and their families.

To protect the neck of beach, the department built crib-work protection 635 feet in length in the year 1886-87.

In August and September, 1892, an extension to this work 252 feet long was built by day work at a cost of \$650. The work consists of round log crib-work about 5 feet high, and filled with stone.

### FRENCH RIVER.

French River, Victoria County, is on that part of the east or Atlantic coast of Cape Breton Island, known as the "north shore," midway between the harbour of St. Ann's and South Ingonish.

A contract entered into in 1890-91 for the construction of an isolated breakwater 50 feet in length and 27 feet in width on top, in from 6 to 7 feet at extreme low water, was completed the following year; it is of squared timber, and it is close fendered at the sides and outer end.

Shortly after the completion of the work, the ballast went out of the face-chambers on the east side, and subsequently the work settled to within one foot of extreme high water at the north-east angle, and the ballast went out of about half the face-chambers on the west side.

During the fiscal year 1892-93, the sum of \$299.73 was expended in reballasting the breakwater and in placing large stones over brush on the east side to prevent scour.

### GREEN HARBOUR.

Green Harbour, Shelburne County, is situated about four miles west of Lockeport. On the western side of the harbour is a small lagoon formed by a gravel bar, and affording protection to numerous fishing boats and other small craft.

During the year, the sum of \$300 was expended by day work in reopening the channel through the gravel bar.