

Department of Public Works.

6th. Statement of slide and boom dues from the St. Maurice slides and works, outstanding on 30th June, 1893.

7th. SAGUENAY DISTRICT:—Statement of slide dues accrued at the Saguenay, outstanding on 30th June, 1893.

8th. Statement of slide and boom dues accrued from the Trent, and Newcastle District, River works, outstanding on 30th June, 1893.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT:—A detailed description of the repairs executed, and a statement showing the quantities of timber that passed through the slide is inserted at page 163, Appendix No. 3.

OTTAWA DISTRICT:—A report on the work done, under the direction of the department, and a statement showing the number of pieces of timber that passed through the Government slides and works, on the Ottawa River and its tributaries, etc., will be seen on reference to Appendix No. 3, page 157.

SAGUENAY DISTRICT:—The report of the superintendent of slides in this district is attached at page 162, Appendix No. 3.

ST. MAURICE DISTRICT:—The report of the superintendent, and details of the expenditure, in connection with the maintenance of the St. Maurice District works, are given in Appendix No. 3, page 161.

STAFF EMPLOYED:—Appendix No. 4, page 180, is a list showing the name, date of birth, where employed, date of appointment and salary, of each one of the staff employed on all the Government slides and booms in Canada.

SURVEYS AND EXAMINATIONS, ETC.

During the year, surveys and examinations were made at 68 different localities by officers of the department, a list of which will be found in Appendix No. 3, page 174.

TELEGRAPHS.

The major part of the Gulf of St. Lawrence Telegraph System was established in 1880,—fourteen years ago. During this period, many additions and extensions were required and have been made, and each succeeding year the service has been becoming more markedly appreciated.

The original cables are still in use and operation, and with a continuance of the same skilful and intelligent supervision, in the matter of locating faults and damages, and the effecting of repairs, without undue disturbance of them in their resting places, etc., they are likely to last for a long time to come. This is more gratifying from the fact that the life of a cable was not at one time expected to exceed twelve years.

The Government telegraphs are not a source of income sufficient to be self-sustaining; this is in consequence of their being constructed and operated in sections of the country where the traffic is too small to invite private enterprise, although