

## Department of Public Works.

Winnipeg examining warehouse:—The skylights were closed up and the heating furnace repaired.

do custom house:—Slight repairs were made to fixtures and some furniture supplied.

do immigration hall:—Repairs were made to cistern and general minor repairs to the building.

*See Appendix No. 2, page 44.*

HNAUSA WHARF:—The wharf mentioned in my report of last year as being in course of construction at this place, has been completed by the department.

The contractor having failed to complete his contract within the time specified it was taken off his hands and the work finished by day labour.

*See Appendix No. 3, page 89.*

DREDGING.—The dredging operation at the mouth of the Red River, Lake Winnipeg, commenced in 1884 has been continued since that date. The operations of this year consisted in the removal of 48,120 cubic yards of material at a cost of \$10,596.46.

Some dredging was also done at the western slough, an arm of the Red River near West Selkirk.

*See Appendix No. 3, page 151.*

### MAJOR'S HILL PARK.

The reputation of this popular resort for neatness and attractiveness, was fully maintained during the past year. General improvements in the walks and grounds were made. Some levelling and grading around the artificial pond were attended to and necessary repairs to fences, etc., were executed.

### NAVIGATION—OPENING AND CLOSING OF

DATES.—The various customs officials, who so promptly responded to my circular, asking for the dates of the opening and closing of the navigation at their respective ports, will please accept the thanks of the department.

As we shall continue to seek the same information in future, I would be pleased if the customs officials will kindly give us in every instance, not the date of the last or first arrival of vessels, but the date of the forming of ice in the fall or winter and the date of its breaking up in the spring.

*(See Appendix No. 11, page 224.)*

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

BREAKWATERS, WHARFS, &c.—The marine operations of the department in this province during the year covered by this report were as follows, viz.:

Anderson's Hollow, Albert Co.—Repairs to breakwater.

Cape Tormentine, Westmoreland Co.—Repairs to wharf.