

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The road to the Govt. Pier at Berthier, has been transferred to the municipality of the parish.

The Temiscouata road from Rivière du Loup to the boundary line between Quebec and New Brunswick 67 miles in length, is under the Dominion Govt. Some urgent repairs were made to this road and steps taken to put it in thorough order.

The Metapediac road extends from the south shore of the St. Lawrence 201 miles below Quebec, to the Restigouche River 10 miles from the Bay of Chaleurs. Extensive repairs were made to the bridges, &c., destroyed by fire in the early part of the summer of 1870, and further repairs executed in 1871 to put the road in order for travellers and mails.

The South Shore Gulf road extends from Metis on the S. shore of the Lower St. Lawrence to Cap Rosier Light House. This road in 1871 was assumed by the Quebec Govt.

The Huntingdon and Port Louis Road on Lake St. Francis, Q. 8 miles long; only trivial repairs were made on this road. Tolls were ordered to be collected on it and the revenue from these has been sold.

The Union Suspension Bridge at Ottawa was thoroughly examined and some repairs and improvements made.

A bridge is under construction across the Ottawa at Portage du Fort.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Library of Parliament has been proceeded with, and the central tower is being finished. The walls and railing are also under progress and a number of trees have been planted. Some alterations have been made in the Departmental Buildings to meet the needs of the different branches.

The purchase of a building for a Custom House, &c. at St. John N. B. was completed, and the necessary repairs and alterations authorized.

The Royal Insurance Buildings, Montreal, have been fitted up for a Custom House and the old Custom House altered and repaired for the service of the Inland Revenue.

A new Custom House is being erected in London, Ont.

A new Post Office is under construction at Quebec, and another at Montreal, and also at Toronto.

Additional yard room was purchased for the Post Office at London.

Arrangements have been made for improved Post Office accommodation at Ottawa, pending the erection of a suitable building.

The total expenditure on Public Works for the year ending 30th June, 1871 was

Construction .....	\$756,318 91
Repairs .....	243,062 99
Staff and maintenance...	662,906 55

Total..... \$1,662,288 45

## Dominion Marine.

The report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, for the year 1871, gives a financial statement of the department under his supervision for the fiscal year 70-71; and a report of the operations of the calendar year, ending 31st December, 1871.

The business of the Department has very much increased yearly, and now comprises the following branches, viz:—

The administration of all the Lighthouses of the Dominion; the administration of 11 Light ships; and of 8 steam Fog Whistles.

The construction of new Lighthouses and piers, steam Fog Whistles, Light vessels, buoys, beacons, &c.

The supervision of the Trinity House, at Montreal and Quebec.

The management of the Dominion steamers not employed for defensive purposes.

The river and harbour Police Force, at Montreal and Quebec.

The care of sick and distressed Mariners, and the Humane establishments.

The working of the Steamboat Inspection Acts.

The administration of the Act respecting examination of Masters and Mates.

Investigation into wrecks on coasts of Dominion.

All matters relating to granting rewards for saving life at sea, &c.

All matters relating to meteorological observations.

Supervision of all shipping masters, and all matters relating to shipping and deserting of seamen.

Payment of subsidies to steamers not coming under the Post Office department.

Administration of funds for improving

Canadian Harbors; and administration of sea coast and inland fisheries.

And all matters relating to the Marine or Fishing interests of the Dominion.

## LIGHT HOUSES, &amp;C.—INLAND.

There are now between Lachine and Lake Superior, 75 Lighthouses and 4 Light ships maintained by the Dominion Government. There is also a Light ship at Colchester, Lake Erie, to which a subsidy of \$500 is allowed. A new Minor Light has been established at Mukoka Island, Lake Simcoe, Ontario; and two Beacon Lights at Point L'Orignal, and McTavish Point, on the Ottawa. A new Lighthouse has been erected on Middle Island, Lake Erie, and the Lighthouse at Port Maitland, re-built. The pier at Gull Island, Lake Ontario, has been extensively repaired. Three new Lighthouses are to be built in Lake Superior during the summer of 1872. Many of the Lights have been much improved by the addition of large circular burner lamps. The total expenditure for the Lighting system Inland, including the construction of the Beacons on the Ottawa, was \$41,054, \$2,238 less than in 1870-71.

Presqu'isle peninsula, Lake Ontario, has been transferred to the Department by the Ontario Government, and steps have been taken to preserve the timber, with a view to protect and also to improve and dredge the harbor.

## MONTREAL TRINITY HOUSE.

No change has been made since the last year. The supervision of the Board, ex-