

1310. There are four graving docks in Canada, three belonging to the Federal Government and one owned by a company. The following statement shows the dimensions of these graving docks :—

NAME.	Length.	WIDTH.			Water on Sills.	RISE OF	
		At coping.	At entrance.	At bottom.		Spring tide.	Neap tide.
	Ft.	Ft.	Ft.	Ft.	Ft.	Ft.	Ft.
Esquimalt	430	90	65	41	*26½	7 to 10	5 to 8
Kingston	280	79	55	47	16½	†
Lévis	445	100	62	73	25½	26½	20½
Halifax	585	102	89¼	72	30	6	3

* At ordinary spring tide. † Height of water in Lake Ontario varies 3½ feet.

The Esquimalt Dock, in British Columbia, is the first built on the Pacific coast. It was finished in June, 1886. The Lévis Dock was finished in 1887, and was the first in the St. Lawrence River. The graving dock at Kingston was finished in November, 1891, and serves the shipping in Lake Ontario and the River St. Lawrence. These three belong to the Government of Canada.

The Halifax Graving Dock was opened September 20th, 1889, and is the largest on this continent. It can be adapted to vessels 601 feet long. The "Teutonic" is 582 feet, and the "Campania" and "Lucania" are each 620 feet in length.

For 20 years from the completion, the company owning it have subsidies from the Imperial and the Canadian Governments, and from the city of Halifax, amounting in all to about \$30,000 (£6,180).

The three Government docks cost for construction as under :—

Esquimalt	*\$1,171,634
Kingston	510,210
Lévis	910,000

The number of vessels which used the docks from their opening to June, 1893, was : Esquimalt, 102 ; Kingston, 74 ; Lévis, 33.

During the year ended 30th June, 1894, 8 vessels used the Esquimalt Dock, 43 the Kingston Dock, and 11 the Lévis Dock.

During 1893 the expenditure and repairs for the Esquimalt Dock amounted to \$13,197, and the receipts to \$23,204 ; for the Kingston Dock the net revenue was \$6,196 ; for the Lévis Dock, expenditure, \$8,470, receipts, \$13,306.

During 1894 the expenditure on repairs for the Esquimalt Dock amounted to nil, and the receipts to \$10,787 ; for the Kingston Dock the expenditure was \$783, and receipts \$7,453 ; for the Lévis Dock, expenditure nil, receipts \$13,311.

The expenditure for staff and maintenance was : for Lévis Dock, \$7,967 ; for Kingston Dock, \$6,607 ; and for the Esquimalt Dock, \$10,075.

* Including \$243,333 (£50,000 stg.) contributed by the Imperial Government.