

22.—Expenditure and Revenue of the Public Works Department for the fiscal years 1914-1918.

EXPENDITURE.

Items.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Harbour and river works..	7,696,135	10,529,346	7,401,896	6,548,568	5,551,774
Dredging plant, etc.....	6,228,303	5,120,611	3,875,713	2,410,413	1,405,838
Slides and Booms.....	167,435	333,619	115,418	111,876	64,859
Roads and Bridges.....	130,628	76,165	44,742	38,266	18,991
Public Buildings.....	12,397,465	11,648,645	6,857,206	5,717,450	5,843,289
Telegraphs.....	768,378	1,003,590	742,692	775,340	751,452
Miscellaneous.....	602,993	571,341	501,631	559,683	419,005
Total.....	27,991,337	29,283,317	19,539,298	16,161,596	14,055,208

REVENUE.

Slides and booms.....	76,883	80,598	108,228	97,142	26,188
Graving docks.....	61,490	35,305	64,216	64,919	56,484
Rents.....	113,670	111,098	90,129	94,729	106,205
Telegraph lines.....	253,112	225,512	181,227	191,453	204,878
Casual revenue.....	37,302	33,923	65,106	45,017	27,737
Total.....	542,457	486,436	508,906	493,260	421,492

HARBOUR COMMISSIONS.

Certain of the more important Canadian harbours are controlled by Harbour Commissions, constituted by special act of the Dominion Parliament for each case. The number of commissioners varies, but is, in most cases, three. In every case the property of the harbour is vested in the commission, which has authority to administer the harbour, appoint the harbour master, make by-laws and regulations concerning the harbour and ships using it, fix and collect dues payable for the use of the harbour and control the expenditure of the revenue received from this source. For the purpose of harbour construction and improvement a commission may, with the consent of the Governor-in-Council, expropriate land and borrow money on debentures issued against security of the real and other property of the harbour. In the cases of Quebec and Montreal, money has been advanced by the Dominion Government against such debentures. The commissions are under the inspection of the Marine Department and make reports to the Minister of Marine. The harbours at the following places are administered by commissions, the date given in each case being that of the Act of Parliament under which the commission received its present constitution and powers: Pictou (1879); Quebec (1899); Three Rivers (1882); Montreal (1894); Belleville (1889); Toronto (1911); Hamilton (1912); Winnipeg and St. Boniface (1912); Vancouver (1913); New Westminster (1913); North Fraser (1913).