

21.—Expenditure and Revenue of the Public Works Department for the fiscal years 1916-1920.

EXPENDITURE.

Items.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Harbour and river works.	7,401,896	6,548,568	5,551,774	3,181,349	4,320,581
Dredging plant, etc.....	3,875,713	2,410,413	1,405,838	677,500	1,205,486
Slides and booms.....	115,418	111,876	64,859	56,169	33,339
Roads and bridges.....	44,742	38,266	18,991	24,952	202,888
Public Buildings.....	6,857,206	5,717,450	5,843,289	7,466,679	8,442,124
Telegraphs.....	742,692	775,340	751,452	789,883	885,730
Miscellaneous.....	501,631	559,683	419,005	706,464	1,028,185
Total.....	19,533,298	16,161,596	14,055,208	12,902,996	16,118,333
From War Appropriation for Military Hospitals...		-		8,492,504	4,337,127
Grand total.....		-		21,395,500	20,455,460

REVENUE.

Slides and booms.....	108,228	97,142	26,188	16,763	48,133
Graving docks.....	64,216	64,919	56,484	72,428	81,148
Rents.....	90,129	94,729	106,205	101,664	143,355
Telegraph lines.....	181,227	191,453	204,878	231,332	277,749
Casual revenue.....	65,106	45,017	27,737	108,295	81,073
Ferries.....	-	-	-	-	1,632
Total.....	508,906	493,260	421,492	530,482	633,090

HARBOUR COMMISSIONS.

Certain of the more important Canadian harbours are controlled by Harbour Commissions, constituted by special act of the Dominion Parliament in each case. The number of Commissioners varies, but is, in most cases, three. In every case the property of the harbour is placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission, but in most cases, remains vested in the Crown, Quebec and Toronto being exceptions. Property acquired from the Crown, however, may not be alienated without the consent of the Governor in Council, and the Commissioners have 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 improvements a Commission may, with 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, Montreal and Vancouver, 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 and Fisheries. The harbours