

**19.—Expenditure and Revenue of the Public Works Department for the fiscal years 1916-1921.**

**EXPENDITURE.**

Items.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Harbour and river works...	7,401,896	6,548,568	5,551,774	3,181,349	4,320,581	7,541,668
Dredging plant, etc.....	3,875,713	2,410,413	1,405,838	677,500	1,205,486	1,456,243
Slides and booms.....	115,418	111,876	64,859	56,169	33,339	1
Roads and bridges.....	44,742	38,266	18,991	24,952	202,888	196,209
Public buildings.....	6,857,206	5,717,450	5,843,289	7,466,679	8,442,124	8,443,892
Telegraphs.....	742,692	775,340	751,452	789,883	885,730	1,083,242
Miscellaneous.....	501,631	559,683	419,005	706,464	1,028,185	1,031,528
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>19,539,298</b>	<b>16,161,596</b>	<b>14,055,208</b>	<b>12,902,996</b>	<b>16,118,333</b>	<b>19,752,782</b>
From War Appropriation for Military Hospitals.....				8,492,504	4,337,127	1,217,892
<b>Grand total.....</b>				<b>21,395,500</b>	<b>20,455,460</b>	<b>20,970,674</b>

**REVENUE.**

Slides and booms.....	108,228	97,142	26,188	16,763	48,133	64,918
Graving docks.....	64,216	64,919	56,484	72,428	81,148	64,918
Rents.....	90,129	94,729	106,205	101,664	143,355	128,148
Telegraph lines.....	181,227	191,453	204,878	231,332	277,749	330,470
Casual revenue.....	65,106	45,017	27,737	108,295	81,073	199,583
Ferries.....					1,632	2,010
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>508,906</b>	<b>493,260</b>	<b>421,492</b>	<b>530,482</b>	<b>633,090</b>	<b>725,129</b>

<sup>1</sup>In 1920-1921, the slide and boom works were leased or transferred to operating companies.

**HARBOUR COMMISSIONS.**

A number of the harbours of Canada are administered by corporate bodies known as Harbour Commissions. Each Commission is constituted by a special Act of the Dominion Parliament, the number of Commissioners varying from three to five. The property of the Crown in the harbour is placed under the jurisdiction of the Commission and the Commissioners are authorized to acquire and hold real and personal property for the improvement and development of the harbour; but any property acquired from the Crown may not be alienated or in any way disposed of by the Commissioners without the consent of the Governor in Council. The Commissions are given power to make by-laws for all purposes of governing the harbour, and for the imposition and collection of rates on vessels and on cargo landed and shipped in the harbour, and penalties for infraction of their by-laws (but every such by-law must be confirmed by the Governor in Council before becoming effective), and they have control of the expenditure of the revenue received from these sources. For the purpose of harbour development and the construction of improvements, the Commission may, with the consent of the Governor in Council, expropriate land and borrow money on debentures issued against the security of the real and other property of the harbour. For the harbours of Quebec, Montreal and Vancouver the Dominion Government has advanced the Commissioners large