

Expenditure and Revenue.—Table 11 shows the expenditure and revenue for the fiscal years 1917-22 of the Public Works Department of the Dominion Government. For the fiscal year 1922, the expenditure was \$17,939,494 as compared with \$20,970,674 in 1921, a reduction of \$3,031,180, accounted for by reduced expenditure in all services with the exception of roads and bridges, where the increase of \$399,984 is caused by the construction of a bridge at Banff on the Bow river, an international bridge at Edmundston, N.B., and a new bascule bridge at Burlington Channel, Ont.

11.—Expenditure and Revenue of the Public Works Department for the fiscal years 1917-1922.

EXPENDITURE.

Items.	1917.	1918.	1919.	1920.	1921.	1922.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Harbour and river works....	6,548,568	5,551,774	3,181,349	4,320,581	7,541,668	6,142,157
Dredging plant, etc.....	2,410,413	1,405,838	677,500	1,205,486	1,456,243	1,211,582
Slides and booms.....	111,876	64,859	56,169	33,339	1	1
Roads and bridges.....	38,266	18,991	24,952	202,888	196,209	596,193
Public buildings.....	5,717,450	5,843,289	7,466,679	8,442,124	8,443,892	7,401,222
Telegraphs.....	775,340	751,452	789,883	885,730	1,083,242	1,024,116
Miscellaneous.....	559,683	419,005	706,464	1,028,185	1,031,528	765,697
Total.....	16,161,596	14,055,208	12,992,996	16,118,333	19,752,782	17,140,967
From War Appropriation for Military Hospitals.....	-	-	8,492,504	4,337,127	1,217,892	798,527
Grand total.....	-	-	21,395,500	20,455,460	20,970,674	17,939,494

REVENUE.

Slides and booms.....	97,142	26,188	16,763	48,133	1	1
Graving docks.....	64,919	56,484	72,428	81,148	64,918	112,194
Rents.....	94,729	106,205	101,664	143,355	128,148	111,111
Telegraph lines.....	191,453	204,878	231,332	277,749	330,470	290,131
Casual revenue.....	45,017	27,737	108,295	81,073	199,583	180,691
Ferries.....	-	-	-	1,632	2,010	2,093
Total.....	493,260	421,492	530,482	633,090	725,129	696,220

¹ 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 improve-