

**Telegraphs.**—The Telegraph Branch has control of the construction, operation, and maintenance of all Government-owned telegraph lines and cables. These lines are located in the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, and Yukon (see also p. 722).

**Graving Docks.**—The Department constructed five dry docks and is responsible for subsidies under the Dry Dock Subsidies Act, 1910 (9-10 Edw. VII, c. 17). A description of these docks is given in the Transportation Chapter, pp. 687-688.

**Expenditure and Revenue.**—Table 4 shows the expenditures and revenues of the Public Works Department of the Dominion Government, for the fiscal years 1932-37.

**4.—Expenditures and Revenues of the Public Works Department, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1932-37.**

Item.	1932. \$	1933. \$	1934. \$	1935. \$	1936. \$	1937. \$
<b>EXPENDITURES (Exclusive of Civil Government Appropriations).</b>						
Harbour and river works...	5,000,984	3,044,495	2,408,303	4,801,179	6,748,662	5,807,294
Dredging plant, etc.....	2,520,843	1,510,174	1,172,582	1,683,714	2,262,102	2,220,535
Roads and bridges.....	342,330	138,598	53,776	103,795	494,456	521,198
Public buildings.....	11,264,114	7,980,561	6,371,217	8,439,151	20,396,875	14,892,505
Telegraphs.....	644,627	529,852	497,037	534,906	563,647	517,965
Miscellaneous.....	235,177	131,099	115,318	112,712	99,782	191,975
Unemployment relief works.	1,592,934	138,370	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>21,601,009</b>	<b>13,473,149</b>	<b>10,618,233</b>	<b>15,675,457</b>	<b>30,565,524</b>	<b>24,151,472</b>
<b>REVENUES.</b>						
Graving docks.....	78,167	64,732	66,809	73,983	62,500	80,330
Rents.....	179,958	103,070	88,304	76,839	110,062	96,731
Telegraphs.....	188,248	170,984	162,562	172,017	174,691	191,511
Casual revenue.....	464,479	37,031	27,287	101,674	138,650	157,919
Ferries.....	2,869	2,740	2,723	2,706	3,022	2,847
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>913,722</b>	<b>378,557</b>	<b>347,685</b>	<b>427,219</b>	<b>488,925</b>	<b>529,338</b>

<sup>1</sup> No expenditure reported for this year under this head.

## Section 4.—The Indians and Eskimos of Canada.

### Subsection 1.—The Indians of Canada.\*

The Indians of Canada whose affairs are administered by the Department of Mines and Resources, Indian Affairs Branch, number about 112,510 (according to a departmental census taken in 1934), their numbers varying slightly from year to year. A small yearly increase is evident, and the popular notion that the race is disappearing is not in accordance with facts. Before they were subjected to the degenerating effects of European civilization and the devastating results of the many colonial

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