

Federal public works dept. has doubled spending on Island wharves, harbors

Local department officials have estimated that completed projects and others started in 1961, are valued at more than \$2,500,000, up approximately double for department of public works contracts over that of 1960.

Out of that amount being spent on harbor improvements, new wharves and fishermen's landings and dredging projects throughout Prince Edward Island, the greatest amount, \$1,500,000 was earmarked for the new department of transport wharf in Charlottetown.

Of the variety of dredging projects, a large portion of the work was carried out by department machinery, and the estimate given does not include the value of the work done by them. Their operations could easily account for close to an additional \$45,000.

WIDE VARIETY
In addition to these dredging operations, a wide variety of jobs were carried out by men and machinery of the department, mainly those having an estimated value of under \$5,000 each. To list these jobs individually, would make the list very impressive.

In Prince County, three large projects were undertaken. At West Point, a 600-foot long breakwater of Island sandstone with an armour of imported granite, was constructed at a cost of \$40,000. The twelve existing individual breakwater blocks were connected with curtain walls of creosoted piling and one portion topped with a plank deck, all at the expense of \$20,000. The breakwaters and the wharf now enclose a sheltered boat harbour.

At Summerside, the Queen's wharf was extended by a 400-foot pier, with a 130-foot spur at the outer end, to provide a safe shelter for fishing boats. The structure, which has a width of 26 feet and is resting on creosoted pile bents, with a timber-concrete composite deck, creosoted hardwood sheeting on the sea-side and creosoted hardwood fenders on the harbour-side, was erected for \$86,000.

NEW WHARF
At Milligan's Shore, a new wharf was constructed at the expense of \$27,000. The structure is 300 feet long and has a width of 20 feet with a head-block 36 feet wide. The shore portion is 100 feet long and consists of fill and stone rip-rap on both sides. The rest of the structure rests on creosoted pile bents and is topped by a timber-concrete composite deck and protected on all sides by creosoted hardwood fenders.

Following is a list by counties, showing the wide range of projects completed or started under contract during 1961.

QUEEN'S COUNTY
The H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" property. The work is under contract to Curran and Briggs Limited.

Darnley Bridge Wharf (Prince Co.) - Dredging berths on both sides of the wharf. The contractor was Morrison and McRae, Limited. Replacement of plank deck with timber concrete laminated deck, 186 feet long and 16 feet wide. The contractor was Edmond A. Arsenault.

French River - Construction of a landing 150 feet long with a back fill. The contractor is Norman N. MacLean.

Point Prim - Demolition of abandoned wharf.

Point Prim - Grading and graveling roadway to wharf.

Rustico Harbour - Dredging at Rustico North Retaining wall by D. P. W. Dredge 25. Completion of plank deck on Boat Shelter Wharf. Repairs to haulout slip, North Rustico Landing. Construction of 150 lineal feet of beach protection cribwork.

Robinson's Island - Construction and repairs to 800 lineal feet of beach protection work. Construction of 240 lineal feet of ballasted timber breakwater by Harold N. Price, contractor.

Tracadie Harbour - Completion of repairs to breakwater by Norman N. MacLean, contractor.

Vernon - Repairs to shed and plank deck of wharf.

Victoria - Completion of contract for widening wharf with steel sheet piling. The contractor was L. E. Wellner, Jr.

Wood Islands - Demolition of

West Breakwater, dredging and construction of new West Breakwater with steel sheet piling. Construction started in fall of 1960 and is to be completed in 1962. The contractor is Eastern Enterprises Limited.

Repairs to Ferry Terminal - fender system, buildings, ramp, and painting steel sheet piling. Improving shipping berth on East side of Ferry Terminals by D.P.W. Dredge "Pownal No. 2."

Rock Dredging in Harbour Basin by D.P.W. Dredge "No. 20."

PRINCE COUNTY
Alberton - The dredging of a 15-foot deep channel through the inner bar was completed by departmental dredge No. 20.

Some dredging was performed on the outer bar by departmental dredge "Pownal No. 2."

Egmont Bay - Wharf and approach were paved with a 3-inch coat of asphalt. The contractor was Morrison and McRae, Limited, of Summerside.

The slip was reconstructed by day labour, under the foreman, Mr. Urban Gallant.

Fishing Cove - The installation of a lighting system and power supply was performed by contractor Ernest D. Hardy of Summerside. Dredging of the entrance channel was done under contract by the Maritime Dredging Limited of Charlottetown.

Howard's Cove - The wharf was paved with concrete, and the approach with a 3-inch coat of asphalt. The contractor was Morrison and McRae, Limited, of Summerside.

Jude's Point - The wharf was extended for 20 feet by 12 feet, by contractor Edmond Arsenault of Abram's Village. One

portion of the wharf and the approach were paved with a 3-inch coat of asphalt. A berth for fishing boats was dredged along the new landing, by departmental Dredge No. 25.

Milligan's Shore - A new wharf was constructed and a work and parking space gravelled and graded. The contractor was Edmond Arsenault of Abram's Village.

Miminegash - A derrick of a capacity of 5 tons was installed at the end of the South pier. The contractor was Ralph MacDonaid of Summerside.

Port Hill - The wharf was repaired and a concrete deck placed. The contractor was Edmond Arsenault of Abram's Village.

Rock Point - A ramp to the wharf was constructed by day labour, under the foremanship of Mr. A. T. Arsenault.

Skinner's Pond - The South pier was extended for 200 feet and the channel dredged. The contractor for both works was H. N. Price of Moncton, New Brunswick.

Summerside - Queen's Wharf was extended for 400 feet. The contractor was the Diamond Construction (1955) Limited, of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Tignish Run - A 187-foot long portion of the South pier, which was burnt down in 1960, was replaced. The contractor was Ralph Ford of Northam.

West Point - A new 600-foot

long breakwater was constructed by contractor Morrison and MacRae, Limited, of Summerside. Existing individual breakwater blocks were connected by curtain walls. The contractor for this work was Norman N. MacLean of Murray River.

KING'S COUNTY
Georgetown Queen's Wharf - Replacement of 120 feet of the wharf structure and the outer end of the approach in rock-ballasted, creosoted timber crib construction, completed a three-year program of reconstruction on the wharf. The contractor was L. G. and M. H. Smith of Port Hood Island, Nova Scotia.

Naufrage - The 160-foot landing extension on the West side of the harbour, begun in 1960, was completed this season. A haul-out slip for the fishing boats was included in the structure, which was built of creosoted timber. The contractor was Quinn, Campbell and Peardon of Charlottetown.

Naufrage - Dredging by contract removed 30,000 cubic yards of material from the harbour basin. The contractor was L. E. Wellner, Jr., of Charlottetown.

Souris - The site of the Eastern Fisheries Wharf was acquired by the Department and reconstruction of the wharf is expected to be completed early in 1962. Construction is in steel sheet piling and creosoted timber. The contractor is L. E. Wellner, Jr.

of Charlottetown. Souris Breakwater - Three hundred large concrete blocks were cast and placed on the seaward side of the breakwater to provide protection from wave action. The contractor was Norman N. MacLean of Murray River.

Souris Railway Wharf - The timber floor system of a 66-foot by 150-foot section of the potato

warehouse was replaced by a reinforced concrete floor. The old floor was in a dangerous condition due to deterioration of age.

South River (Murray Harbour) - A new 30-foot by 80-foot transit shed for produce was constructed on the wharf, replacing an old building which lacked adequate

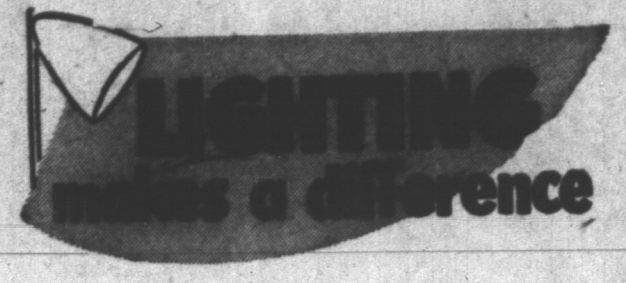
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