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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1889.

(No. 1). RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance from 31st December, 1888 ...			269 0 10	By Labour Accounts, Works under Contract, &c			627 19 3
„ Harbour Dues uncollected 31st December, 1888 ...			38 5 0	„ Plant and Material, including Rops, Timber, Stones, &c. ...			215 0 6
„ Harbour Dues for year ending 31st December, 1889 ...	3,306	16	6	„ Tug-boat (see No 2)—Wages to Crew ...	293	4	8
„ Harbour Dues less uncollected 31st December, 1889 ...	28	13	6	„ Slip Dues ...	4	15	0
			3,278 3 0	„ Repairs ...	168	9	0
„ Towage uncollected 31st December, 1888			4 16 4	„ Materials ...	59	11	2
„ do for year ending 31st Dec., 1889	588	10	10	„ Coals, 321 tons, average 13s 9½d per ton	221	8	10
„ do less uncollected 31st do, 1889	13	16	8				747 8 8
			574 14 2	„ Dredger—Wages to Crew (6 months) ...	201	2	1
„ Plankage uncollected 31st December, 1888			0 4 0	„ Repairs ...	170	2	0
„ do for year ending 31st do, 1889	28	11	0	„ Materials ...	22	5	8
„ do less uncollected 31st do, 1889	0	7	0	„ Coals, 48 tons, average 13s 3d per ton	31	16	9
			28 4 0				425 6 6
„ Schedule Dues uncollected 31st Dec, 1888			164 10 5	„ Quays—Cleaning and Macadamising ...	201	2	10
„ do for year ending 31st do, 1889	1,078	5	2	„ Watering (408 loads water at 10d per load) ...	17	0	0
„ do less uncollected 31st do, 1889	163	10	11	„ Watchmen's Wages (night & day) ...	133	18	0
			914 14 3	„ Watchmen's Clothing ...	7	17	6
„ Cash lodged by Secretary—							359 18 4
Earnings of Crane ...	6	16	3	„ Superannuation for year ...	57	0	6
do Weighing Machine ...	14	3	0	„ Salaries for year ...	381	1	0
Sale of old stores ...	2	7	0				438 1 6
			23 6 3	„ Directors Drogheda Gas Co, Lighting Quay Lamps ...	104	7	10
„ Cash paid by Miss Weir—One year's rent			5 0 0	„ Lighting River Lamps & Ringing Fog Bell	96	17	0
„ Dividends on G. N. R. Preference Stock			267 3 0				201 4 10
„ Interest on deposits ...			3 5 11	„ Commissioners' Woods & Forests, One Year's Rent Fore-hore at Stameen ...	7	11	8
				„ Superintendent Mercantile Marine, One Year's Rent Foreshore at St Mary's and Colpe ...	2	14	0
							10 5 8
				„ Drogheda Waterworks Co, supplying Water	0	10	0
				„ Printing, Stationery, and Advertising ...	35	11	4
				„ Fee, Auditing Accounts for Year 1888 ...	7	0	0
				„ Incidentials, including coal and attendance at Harbour Office and Board Room ...	7	9	8
				„ Compensation to Ships—Maxim (£1 10s) and Mary Eleanor (£10) ...	11	10	0
							62 1 0
				„ Subscription to Life Boat Society ...	5	0	0
				„ Subscription to Shipwrecked Mariners' Society ...	5	0	0
							10 0 0
				„ Collector Schedule Dues for year ...	26	18	11
				„ Law Costs ...	8	14	4
							35 13 3
				„ Mortgage Loan, 22nd and 23rd Instalments, with Interest thereon, less Income Tax			1,362 14 3
				„ Interest charged on overdrafts ...	10	19	0
				„ Income Tax ...	20	16	6
				„ Messrs Comber & Strype, personal expenses attending Harbour Board ...	29	3	4
							60 18 10
				„ Balance to Credit of Board 31st Dec., 1889			1,014 14 7
							£5,571 7 2
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I certify that the foregoing Accounts agree with the Books and Vouchers of the Drogheda Harbour Commissioners,

PATRICK DONAGH,
Auditor.

RICHARD J. KENNEDY, Chairman.
JOHN M'NAMARA, Secretary.
Harbour Office, Drogheda, 21st April, 1890.

Drogheda, 7th April, 1890.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1889.

(No. 2.)	TUG-BOAT ACCOUNT.		(See No. 1.)	CONTRA.	
Dr.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To Wages and Slip Dues (£4 15s 0d)	...	297 19 8		By Gross Earnings for year ending 31st December, 1889,	... 588 10 10
„ Repairs	...	168 9 0			
„ Materials	...	59 11 2			
„ Coals, 321 tons, average 13s 9½ per ton		221 8 10			
		747 8 8			
„ Less Amount of Repairs and Materials in year 1888	...	209 4 2			
			538 4 6		
„ Amount of Accounts paid in 1890 for Re- pairs and Materials in 1889	...		34 7 6		
„ Gain on year's working	...		15 18 10		
		£588 10 10			
					£588 10 10

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1889.

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THE
HARBOUR ENGINEER'S
ANNUAL REPORT.

Harbour Office, Drogheda,

April 21st, 1890.

To the Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners.

SIR—During the months of January and February of the past year the Dredger was employed in dredging the berths along the Ballast

Quay. The dredgings lifted out of those berths was mud, which was carried down by the heavy floods and settled in the shelter afforded by the vessels.

In March the dredger was taken down to cut off and deepen a portion of the bend on the south side of the river at the milestone. The gradual cutting away of this bend, and the deepening and levelling of the portions cut off have effected an improvement in the navigation of this part of the river, as vessels with a bare wind can now sail close to the south side and come up to the harbour with ease and without loss of tide.

In June the dredger was removed from the river in consequence of leaks and defects in the hull, which left her unsafe to continue working without being repaired.

The river embankments, stone towers, and perches were maintained in good order; 500 tons of stones were ponted from the Ballast Quay for the extension and repairs of the embankments.

The roadways along the Quays were cleansed and maintained in good order during the year.

The goods sheds on Steamboat Quay were maintained in good order, and the one on west side which was open at sides and ends is closed in. The

five openings for the convenience of loading and unloading the steamboats are protected by five large wooden gates on rollers. This alteration has made the shed dry and safe for all goods that may be stored there.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES M'CARTIN,

Harbour Engineer.



AUDITOR'S REPORT.

*To the Chairman and Commissioners, Drogheda
Harbour Board.*

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit the annexed Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet of this Trust for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

I have examined every item in the Accounts and having seen the Vouchers for all payments made and ordered by the Commissioners as per Minute Book, corresponded with the entries in the Cash Book and Bank Account, I have checked and found correct the postings to the Ledger of the cash receipts and payments.

RECEIPTS—The gross receipts for the year amounted to £5302 6s 4d, being £468 9s 8d less than those of preceding year; but deducting from last year's receipts the sum of £1304 8s 3d sale of G. N. R. Stock, this year's show an increase of £835 18s 7d over the ordinary receipts of last year.

EXPENDITURE—The cash payments for the year amounted to £4556 12s 7d, added to the sum of £229 12s 2d for outstanding accounts unpaid, would show a total expenditure of £4786 4s 9d, which is £421 11s 5d less than that of 1888.

TUG-BOAT SERVICE—The receipts for the year have been £588 10s 10d (minus £13 16s 8d uncollected towage) showing an increase over last year of £134 15s 0d. The expenses have been £747 8s 8d, from which deducting £209 4s 2d paid in 1889 for repairs and Materials in 1888, and adding £34 7s 6d paid in 1890 for repairs and materials in 1889, would show a gain on the year's working of £15 18s 10d.

DREDGER—The Dredger accounts show a cost of £425 6s 6d for six months of the year. The quantity of stuff dredged 11,345 tons; by hand-filling 3,620 tons; rubble stones ponted down the

river from Ballast Quay, 420 tons; total, 15,385 tons. The cost of dredging 11,345 tons stuff would average 9d per ton (nearly).

QUAYS—The items of expenditure for the quays are:—Cleaning and Macadamising, £201 2s 10d; Watching,, £133 18s 0d; Watering, £17 0s 0d; Watchmen's Clothing, £7 17s 6d—making a total of £359 18s 4d, being £90 14s 8d less than preceding year.

RIVER LAMPS—The cost of lighting River Lamps and ringing Fog Bell was £96 17s 0d, which is £7 15s 0d more than the cost of last year.

QUANTITY AND COST OF COAL—The Tug-boat service was 321 tons, average 13s 9½d per ton, against 287 tons, average 11s per ton for 1888; the Dredger was 48 tons, average 13s 3d per ton, against 50 tons, average 9s 10¾d per ton for 1888.

SCHEDULE DUES—Amount collected, outstanding for 1888, £164 10s 5d, and for 1889, £914 14s 3d; total, £1079 4s 8d; cost of collection, £26 18s 11d; uncollected for 1889, £163 10s 11d. The amount of Schedules Dues for 1889, collected and uncollected, is £1078 5s 2d.

MORTGAGE LOAN—The 22nd and 23rd instalments of the Principal and Interest of this Loan have been paid during the year; the Principal debt is now reduced by the sum of £5097 11s 2d.

LIABILITIES—Sundry creditors, including Gas, Tug-boat and Dredger accounts, &c, in all amounting to £229 12s 2d, with remainder, £16,902 8s 10d of Principal of Mortgage Loan, making a total of £17,132 1s 0d.

ASSETS—The Assets include G. N. R. 4 per cent Preference Stock, £6,850; items outstanding for Harbour and Schedule Dues, Towage and Plankage, £206 8s 1d, and estimated value of

Vessels, Plant, Stores, Lease and Freehold Property, &c, £1,890 0s 0d, with balance in bank to credit of Commissioners, £1,014 14s 7d; total, £9,961 2s 8d.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

PATRICK DONAGH,

Auditor.

Drogheda, 7th April, 1890.

