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RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.						
Dr.		£	s.	d.	Cr.		£	s.	d.		
To Harbour Dues uncollected 31st December, 1891				43	2	6	By Balance due Bank 31st December, 1891				
Do collected 31st do 1892 ..	3391	19	0		„ Labour Accounts, Works under Contract, &c	...	741	2	2		
Do less uncollected 31st do 1892 ...	32	0	0		„ Plant and Materials including Timber, Stones &c	...	757	12	9		
				3359	19	0	432	7	1½		
„ Towage uncollected—					„ Tugboat Service						
„ collected 31st do 1892 ...				527	18	10	Wages—“Drogheda”	335	2	5	
„ Plankage uncollected 31st do 1891 ...				0	3	0	„ “Black Eagle”	34	10	10	
„ Do for year ending 31st do 1892 ...	26	1	0						369	13	3
„ Do less uncollected 31st do 1892 ...	0	4	0		Coals— do 91 Tons at 15s 0½d						
				25	17	0	per ton	68	8	2	
„ Schedule Dues uncollected 31st do 1891 ...				142	18	6	„ “Drogheda” 398 Tons at 14s 9½d				
Do for year ending 31st do 1892 ...	1017	3	2		per ton	...	294	5	1		
Do less uncollected 31st do 1892 ...	154	10	2						362	13	3
				862	13	0	Materials	50	14	10½	
„ Cash lodged by Secretary—					Repairs “Drogheda”	...	56	12	5		
„ Weighing machine	7	0	5		„ “Black Eagle”	...	4	8	10		
„ Crane	2	2	6						111	16	1½
				9	2	11	„ Dredger				
„ Sundry receipts for use of piers, sale of sand, &c.	17	17	9		Wages	...	236	1	3		
„ Drogheda Corporation for do	6	4	0		„ Barges and Piers	...	139	16	10		
				24	1	9			375	18	1
„ Rent from Drogheda Rowing Club				1	6	0	Repairs to Dredger	143	13	6	
„ Cash Refunded by Mr M'Cartin, &c				14	1	10	„ to Barges	12	17	7	
„ Interest on deposits				63	5	6			156	11	1
„ Mortgage Loan, 1892	22000	0	0		Materials	...	5	4	5		
Less 2½ per cent Commission	440	0	0		Coals—Dredger 121 Tons at 13s 1½d per ton	...	79	5	8		
				21560	0	0	„ Barge 31 „ 13s 10½d „	21	9	8	
					„ Quays				105	19	9
					Watchmen's Wages	...	113	5	6		
					Repairing, cleansing and watering	...	207	7	6		
					Drogheda Gas Co	...	111	1	6		
					Drogheda Waterworks Co	...	15	0			
									432	9	6
					„ Salaries, including £12 10s 0d, refunded by Mr						
					„ M'Cartin	...	312	10	0		
					„ Collector of Schedule Dues	...	27	14	5		
									340	4	5
					„ Lighting River Lamps and Ringing Fog-bell	...			106	2	0
					„ Superannuation, including £35 to Mr M'Namara	...			68	6	0
					„ Interest on New Loan	...	495	0	0		
					„ Do on Overdrafts	...	23	19	6		
					„ Income Tax	...	21	5	0		
									540	4	6
					„ Auditor's Fee for 1891	...			7	0	0
					„ Rent of Foreshore	...	13	10	8		
					„ Subscriptions to Lifeboat and Mariners' Societies	...	10	0	0		
									23	10	8
					„ Incidents, including attendance to Harbour						
					„ Office, Postage, &c	...	27	19	11		
					„ Painting, Linolium, &c, Harbour Office	...	26	5	11		
					„ Printing and Advertising	...	11	19	4		
									66	5	2
					„ Belfast Bank final payment to Cash & Co	...			15980	19	11
					„ Law Costs—Messrs M'Cann, Seamell & Co	...			194	3	0
					By Cost of damages to Ships—						
					„ “Elizabeth Conway”	...	376	14	10		
					„ “Brothers,” “Gwalla,” and “Louisa Jane”	...	1313	1	6		
					„ “Ethiopian”—Part payment	...	32	4	3		
									1722	0	7
					„ Messrs Bow & M'Lachlan—Final settlement re						
					„ “Drogheda”	...	260	0	0		
					„ Mr James Donaldson, Consulting Engineer	...	100	0	0		
					„ Manchester Insurance Co	...	4	17	6		
									346	10	6
					„ Balance to Credit of Board 31st December, 1892	...			3351	13	0

I Certify that the foregoing Accounts agree with the Books and Vouchers of the Drogheda Harbour Commissioners.

PATRICK DONAGH, Auditor.

Drogheda, 11th April, 1893.

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

TUG BOAT ACCOUNT.					CONTRA.				
Dr.			£	s d	£	s d			
To "Drogheda,"					Cr.				
Wages	...	...	325	2 5	By Gross Earnings for year ending 31st December, 1892—				
Coals, 398 tons, at 14s 9½d per ton,	...	...	294	5 1	"Drogheda" ..	...	462	3 0	
Repairs	...	...	56	12 5	"Black Eagle" ..	...	65	15 10	
									527 18 10
				685 19 11	By Loss on Year's Working	...			316 3 9½
To "Black Eagle,"									
Wages	...	...	34	10 10					
Coals, 91 tons, at 15s 0½d per ton,	...	...	68	8 2					
Repairs	...	...	4	8 10					
				107 7 10					
„ Materials	...	...		50 14 10½					
				£844 2 7½					£844 2 7½

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1892.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
			£	s d	£	s d			
To Loan effected in 1892	...	...	22000	0 0	By Harbour and Schedule Dues outstanding	...	186	10 2	
„ Unpaid accounts outstanding	...	...	500	4 0	„ Plankage do	...	0	4 0	
				22500 4 0					186 14 2
					„ Estimated value of Vessels, Plant, Free and Leasehold Property, &c	...	8915	0 0	
					„ Balance in Bank to Credit of Commissioners	...	3351	13 0	
									12266 13 0
					„ Balance to Debit of Commissioners, 31st December, 1892	...			10046 16 10
				£22500 4 0					£22500 4 0

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, 1892.

I have examined all the items in the Accounts, and have seen vouchers for all payments made and ordered by the Commissioners, as per Minute Book, and corresponding with the entries in Cash Book, Ledger, and Bank Book.

RECEIPTS—The gross receipts for the year amounted to £26,514 9s 10d, including £21,560 net proceeds of New Loan.

The Harbour dues for the year amounted to £3,391 19 0d, which is an increase of £136 14s 0d over last year. The amount of Towage for the year was £527 18s 10d, an increase of £63 6s 2d over preceding year. The amount of Plankage was £26 1s 0d, being 9s of an increase over last year. Schedule Dues on cargoes amounted to £1,017 3s 2d, £30 3s 7d over the year 1891.

The total receipts of the port have been £4,963 2s 0d for the year 1892, and are an increase of £230 12s 9d over those of 1891, and £419 9s 4d over the year 1890.

EXPENDITURE—The total payments for the year amounted to £22,518 14s 8d, which includes £15,980 19s 11d final payment to Cash and Co for loan in 1878; £1,722 0s 7d for damages done to vessels; £360 to Messrs M'Lacklin and Donaldson and £194 3s 0d law costs; £495 interest on new loan, and £744 2s 2d balance due to the bank at the beginning of the year. Exclusive of the foregoing, the remaining expenses would amount to £3,023 9s 0d against £3,328 13s 3d in 1891.

TUGBOAT SERVICE—The receipts for towage for

the year were £527 18s 10d, an increase of £63 6s 2d over last year. The expenses have been £844 2s 7½d, and the loss on the year's working was £316 3s 9½d, which is £3 13s 10½d more than the loss in the year 1891.

QUAYS—The expenditure for cleansing, repairing, and watering Quays has been £207 7s 6d; Watchmen's wages, £113 5s 6d; total, £320 13s, and is £12 7s 8d more than that of the preceding year.

RIVER LAMPS—The cost of lighting river lamps and ringing fog bell was £106 2s 0d, £7 10s more than last year.

QUANTITY AND COST OF COAL.—The tugboat service was—"Drogheda," 398 tons, at 14s 9½d per ton; "Black Eagle," 91 tons, at 15s 0½d per ton, making a total of 489 tons; cost, £362 13s 3d; average, 14s 10d per ton, as against 312 tons, £239 10s 3d; average, 18s 4½d per ton for the year 1891. Dredger, 121 tons, at 13s 1½d per ton, £79 5s 8d; barge, 31 tons, at 13s 10½d per ton, £21 9s 8d.

LIABILITIES.—Mortgage Loan effected in 1892, £22,000, and unpaid accounts outstanding, including Mr Murdock's Saw Mills and Iron Works, &c., £500 4s 0d, making a total of £22,500 4s.

ASSETS.—Outstanding items for Harbour and Schedule Dues and Plankage, £186 14s 2d; estimated value of vessels, plant, material, and lease and freehold property, £8,915 0s 0d; and £3,351 13s 0d balance in Bank to credit of Commissioners, making a total of £12,453 7s 2d. The total balance to debit of Commissioners would be £10,046 16s 10d.

I append extract from Collector's report, which shows the increase and decrease of imports and exports of some of the more important items which make up the revenue of the Port :—

Compared with the year 1891, there is an increase of 5,468 tons tonnage, and £230 12s 9d for Harbour and Schedule Dues and Plankage for the year 1892.

The following shows the increase and decrease

of some of the principal items of cargoes for 1891 and 1892 :—

EXPORTS.				
	1892	1891	Increase	Decrease
Cattle	51186	46623	4563	—
Sheep	93572	89431	4148	—
Pigs	30533	31522	—	989
Horses	284	318	—	34
Timber	1474	2726	—	1252

IMPORTS.				
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Coal	51628	50153	1545	—
Phosphate	2005	1426	579	—
Sulphur Ore	584	1127	—	543
Rock Salt	1314	1202	112	—

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

PATRICK DONAGH,

Auditor.

Drogheda, 11th April, 1893.