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LIST OF MEMBERS.

CHAIRMAN :

THE MAYOR OF DROGHEDA (during his Term of Office).

CHAIRMAN, 1894-95

BERNARD NULTY, Esq., J.P.

Peter Lynch Esq. J.P.

ELECTED MEMBERS :

1. MARTIN BULTERLY, J.P., Outgoing August, 1895.
2. JAMES SAMPSON, "
3. SIMON JORDAN, "
4. JOHN DOLAN, "
5. PATRICK M'EOVOY, "
6. WILLIAM T. SKEFFINGTON, "
7. PATRICK KELLY, "
8. BERNARD DONNELLON, "
9. CAPT. LAURENCE BRANIGAN, J.P. (deceased.)
10. RICHARD NULTY, Outgoing August, 1896.
11. THOMAS H. SIMCOCKS, "
12. THOMAS CALLAN, "
13. PETER LYONS, "
14. JOHN DOWNEY, "
15. THOMAS LONG, "
16. JAMES WELDON, "
17. PATRICK GORMAN, "
18. JOSEPH CRILLY, "
19. BERNARD NULTY, J.P., Outgoing August, 1897.
20. PETER LYNCH, "
21. SYLVESTER ROCHE, "
22. CHRISTOPHER TIGHE, "
23. MICHAEL COLLINS, "
24. JOHN M'EOVOY, "
25. HENRY SMYTH, "
26. PATRICK MORGAN, "
27. JAMES P. KELLY, "

THOMAS BYRNE, Secretary.

FRANK F. BYRNE, Engineer.

ANDREW LEECH, Harbour Master.

PATRICK DONAGH, Auditor.

STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS of the DROGHEDA HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

		£	s	d	£	s	d
Dr.							
To Balance to credit in Bank 31st December, 1893	...	53	8	6	1830	2	1
" Dues outstanding 31st December, 1894	...	11	8	8			
" Harbour Dues	...	0	17	0			
" Towage	...	181	1	9			
" Plankeage	...				246	15	11
" Schedule Dues	...						
" Dues for year ending 31st December, 1894	...	3552	3	0			
" Harbour Dues	...	344	11	1			
" Towage	...	26	10	0			
" Plankeage	...	1123	2	7			
" Schedule Dues	...						
" Total Dues	...	5046	6	8			
" Sundry Receipts	...	32	14	9			
" Interest on Deposits	...	97	10	6			
" Sales—"Black Eagle" £86 and Sundries	...	9	0	0			
" Rent—Slob Lands	...	5	6	0			
" Weighing Machine	...	2	10	0			
" Refunded—per Saw Mills and Iron Works accounts overpaid	...	70	0	0			
" Drogheda Steam Packet Co., re North Bar Perch, 1893	...	5263	7	11			
" Dues uncollected for year ending 31st December, 1894—							
" Harbour Dues	...	£35	11	6	5055	4	1
" Towage	...	0	0	0			
" Plankeage	...	0	2	0			
" Schedule Dues	...	172	10	4			
		208	3	10			
Cr.							
By General Labour Account	...						
" Work at Deep Water Berth	...	389	2	4			
" Plant and Material—general account	...	89	0	10			
" Stones for River Walls 1,142 tons	...	92	9	4			
" Posts, Rowboat and Barrows—repairs and labour	...	181	0	7			
" New Quay Planks	...	57	0	9			
" New Quay Planks	...	68	17	8			
" New Portable Forge	...	5	10	0			
" Watering Cart—Repairs	...	2	12	6			
" Crane	...	2	15	6			
" Harpers	...	49	1	0			
" North Bar Perch do for cement in 1893	...	2	1	9			
" Mooring Posts	...	182	17	9			
" Tugboat—					644	6	4
" Wages to Crew	...	321	17	6			
" Materials	...	52	8	10			
" Repairs and Labour	...	73	11	8			
" Coals—375 tons at 15s 4d per ton	...	288	7	2			
" Dredger—					786	5	2
" Wages	...	369	18	7			
" Materials	...	47	9	4			
" Repairs and Labour	...	498	13	6			
" Coals—147 Tons at 15s 4d per ton	...	113	4	11			
" Quays—					1029	6	4
" Repairing, Cleansing, &c	...	244	1	7			
" Watchmen's Wages	...	122	18	8			
" Drogheda Gas Company...	...	112	14	7			
" Drogheda Waterworks Company	...	2	2	6			
" Lighting River Lamps and Ringing Fog-bell	...	114	2	0			
" Oil for do	...	16	9	9			
" Repairs and Taxes—House at Stameen	...	2	7	6			
" Fittings, Attendance, Coal, &c, Harbour Office...	...	20	11	11			
" Rent—Foresbere	...	3	4	0			
" Do—Ship	...	10	0	0			
" Superannuation—including Mr W. Cartin £65	...				36	3	5
" Salaries—including Collector of Schedule Dues...	...	60	19	3			
" Printing, Advertising, &c	...	12	2	3			
" Expenses for Committee, &c; Car Hire, &c	...	7	0	0			
" Auditor—for 1893	...	10	0	0			
" Subscriptions to Lifeboat and Mariners' Societies £5 each	...	2	0	0			
" Saw Mills account overpaid	...	29	5	4			
" Income Tax	...	3	15	3			
" Insurance on Property	...	2	16	3			
" Law Costs—Mr J. H. M. Cann	...	18	17	0			
" Do —s.s. "Wildrose," in 1893	...				49	13	10
" Interest on Mortgage Loan	...				961	2	4
" Balance in Bank to credit of Commissioners on 31st December, 1894	...				5193	18	7
					1438	3	6
					£6632	2	1

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

TUG BOAT ACCOUNT.		£	s	d	£	s	d
Dr.							
To Wages	...	321	17	6			
" Coals	...	288	7	2			
" Materials	...	52	8	0			
" Repairs	...	72	11	8			
		736	5	2			
					£736	5	2
Cr.							
By Earnings for Year	...	344	11	1			
" Loss on Year's Working	...	391	14	1			
		736	5	2			
					£736	5	2

THOMAS BYRNE, SECRETARY.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1894.

LIABILITIES.		£	s	d	£	s	d
To Mortgage Loan effected							

ENGINEER'S REPORT

FOR 1894.

Drogheda, April 9th, 1895;

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report on your Harbour and River Works for the Year ending December 31st, 1894.

The following new works and renewals were carried out during the year, viz—

NEW MOORING POSTS—22 iron mooring posts were erected, at the Steampacket and Ballast Quays, the Deep Water Berth, Brewery Lane, New Deep, and the Carrick; also two wooden posts re-erected.

DEEP WATER BERTH—The whole of the wood work of the Deep Water Berth—282 feet in length—has been re-built down to low water mark.

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RIVER WALLS—1,570 square yards of river wall have been re-built.

QUAY PLANKS—Seven new iron-bound quay planks were made.

FORGE—A new portable hearth and some forge tools.

QUAY CRANE—A new jib and other repairs to the quay crane.

GENERAL REPAIRS to Quays, quay walls, building, &c., necessary for their proper maintenance.

FLOATING PLANT.

TUG "DROGHEDA."—New steel liner and keys were fitted to paddle wheel, stanchions straightened, and wheels brought into line, and the ordinary repairs to engines, boiler, &c.

DREDGER "DRAGON" was supplied with six nearly new steel buckets, new cast iron rollers, brackets, tumbler bearings, new timber gallows, and the ordinary renewal of pins, link bushings, and working ponts, and near the end of the season with a new steam pump, and connections for flushing shoot.

HOPPER BARGES Nos. 1 and 2—No repairs during the year.

HOPPER BARGE No. 3—The engines and boiler were taken out of this barge, and when on the slip seven new steel patches were put on the hull and the well; also a flooring of cement concrete to strengthen the hull, new timber decks, companions, and hand railings, and repairs to doors, chains, etc.

A new wooden combing, with iron standards, was added to the well, whereby the carrying capacity was increased by 25 tons.

PONTS AND ROW BOATS—Two flat ponts and two row boats were rebuilt.

DREDGING—The dredger worked at the Rowing Club slip for one week, and at Beaulieu Bend for $21\frac{1}{2}$ weeks (from June 19th to November 15th).

The total quantity dredged and deposited at sea was 35,020 tons, an average of 1,440 tons per week for the first sixteen weeks, which increased to 1,860 tons for the remaining $6\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, during which time the new pump was at work.

PRESENT CONDITION OF FLOATING PLANT—

During the past three months the dredger, the three hopper barges, and the tugboat were put on the Saw Mills slip.

They were scraped, painted, and varnished, and had other repairs done to them.

The Dredger, owing to additional renewals and modern improvements made in her, is in much better working order than she has been for many years past.

This is the first time she was on a slip since you bought her.

Considering her age she is in good condition, but further renewals of a modern style are yet desirable.

A sand pump, or a grabber, would remedy the loss caused by the Dredger in not cutting her own floatation. Either would largely increase the output of Dredgings, while not increasing the present expenditure.

HOPPER BARGES Nos. 1 and 2 (the Rotterdam Barges) are in first-class condition, and required no repairs during the past two seasons.

HOPPER BARGE No. 3 (the Steam Barge) is in fair working order, though the hull is worn very thin. The alterations made in this barge have increased her carrying capacity, and she is worked for about one-sixth of her former cost.

The TUG "DROGHEDA" is in first-class order; as owing to the alterations and improvements made in her she can be worked with much greater ease and safer than formerly, and at less cost.

All your fixed and other property, plant, buildings, machinery, tools, etc, have been kept in proper repair.

Some work was done during the year towards the reclamation of the Marsh Slobland.

By arrangement with the Saw Mills Company you caused the slip to be put in working order. This allows of the repairs to your floating plant being more readily done, while all the money expended on such work is left in Drogheda.

I am, Gentlemen,

Obediently yours,

FRANCIS F. BYRNE, M.I.C.E.I.,

Engineer.

The Drogheda Harbour
Commissioners.

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 your Trust for the year ending 31st December, 1894.

RECEIPTS.—The gross receipts for the year have been £5,302 0s 0d, which is in excess of year 1893 by the sum of £486 15s 9d, and £247 10s 8d greater than those of 1892. The collected harbour dues for the year amounted to £3,552 3s 0d, as against £3,403 3s 6d for 1893, showing an increase of £148 19s 6d. The collected amount of towage and plankage for the year was £371 1s 1d, an increase on the amount for towage for 1893 of £54 16s 2d, and an increase for plankage of £4 8s 0d.

The collected amount of schedule dues for the year was £1,123 2s 7d, an increase over year 1893 of £79 1s 7d. The total collected amount of the receipts of the Port for the year has been £5,046 6s 8d, an increase over that of the year 1893 of £287 5s 3d, and £83 4s 8d over that of 1892.

EXPENDITURE.—The total payments for the year amounted to £5,193 18s 7d; the principal items of which are—general labour, £478 3s 2d; plant and material, £644 6s 4d; quays—including gas lighting and watchmen, £481 17s 4d; tugboat services, £736 5s 2d; dredger, £1,029 6s 4d; salaries, £468 11s 5d, and interest on mortgage loan, £961 2s 4d.

TUGBOAT SERVICE.—The receipts for towage for the year amounted to £344 11s 1d, an increase of £54 16 2d over those of 1893. The expenses (wages, £321 17s 6d; materials, £52 8s 10d; repairs, £73 11s 8d; coals, £288 7s 2d) have been £736 5s 2d, which is less than the expenses for 1893 by the sum of £305 10s 1d, and show a loss on the year's working of £391 14s 1d.

DREDGER.—The total amount of cost for working dredger since the month of June was £1,029

6s 4d, which comprises the following items—
Wages, £369 18s 7d; materials, £47 9s 4d; repairs, £498 13s 6d; coals, £113 4s 11d.

QUAYS.—The expenses for cleaning and repairing, &c, were £244 1s 7d; watchmen, £122 18s 8d; gas lighting, &c, £114 17s 1d; making a total of £481 17s 4d, as against £452 17s 3d for year 1893, and £432 9s 6d for year 1892.

RIVER LAMPS.—The cost of lighting river lamps and ringing fogbell was £114 2s 0d, a sum of £3 5s 0d in excess of last year.

QUANTITY AND COST OF COALS.—The tugboat service amounted to 375 tons; cost, £288 7s 2d; average, £0 15s 4½d per ton; against 455 tons, average, 14s. 6d per ton, for year 1893. The dredger services amounted to 147 tons; cost, £113 4s 11d; average, 15s 4d per ton; against 125 tons, average, 13s 4½d per ton, during 1893.

LIABILITIES.—Mortgage Loan effected in 1892, £22,000 0s 0d, and unpaid accounts outstanding at end of year, £75 2s 4d, making a total of £22,075 2s 4d.

ASSETS.—Outstanding items, uncollected, for plankage, Harbour and Schedule Dues, amount-

ing to £208 3s 10d; estimated value of vessels, plant, materials, freehold and leasehold property, £8,470 0s 0d; and balance in bank to credit of Commissioners on 31st December, 1894, £1,438 3s 6d, making a total of £10,116 7s 4d.

The total balance to debit of Commissioners would thus be £11,958 15s 0d.

I am, gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

PATRICK DONAGH,

Auditor.

Drogheda, 2nd April, 1895.

