maintained ever since (page 3358, Annual Report, Chief of Engineers, 1895).

The construction of the jetty has bad a marked and very beneficial effect on the entrance channel, maintaining it in a fixed position and with a bar depth of 18 to 21 feet at low water. Never before in the history of the bay have such depths been maintained continuously throughout any year,

There is no record of a less depth than 18 feet at mean lower tow water since November 1893. When it is considered that previous to this time bar depths of 10 and 12 (cet were very common, the success of the work so far done is made very apparent (page 3359, Annual Report, Chief of Engineers, 1895).

The channel has been maintained at its maximim depth, and so far as known Chief of Engineers for 1800, pp. 2036not less than 20 feet at lower low water has been found on the bar (page 396, Annual Report, Chief of Engineers, 1896).

There has been a least low-water depth on the bar of 18 to 22 feet (497; Annual Report, Chief of Fingineers, 1897).

That the improvement will ultimately prove to be a vary successful one from an engineering standpoint is demonstrated by the fact that a low-water channel depth on the bar varying from 18 to 22 feet was obtained with the north jetty but partially built and with nothing whatever having been done toward constructing the south jetty (page 483, Annual Report, Chief of Engineers, 1898).

That the improvement will ultimately prove to be a very successful one is demonstrated by the fact that a low water channel depth on the bar at the entrance varying from 18 to 22 feet has been obtained with the north jetty but partially built, and with nothing whatever having been done toward constructing the couth jetty. In view of this it is possible that it will not be necessary to build the protime and the effect of its completion ascertained (page 568, Annual Report, caused temporary shoaling. Chief of Engineers, 1890).

From the foregoing it will be seen that for the past five or six years the normal depth in the channel across the bar has been between 18 and 22 feet. Occasionally slight shoaling is reported, due to exceptional storms, but after their subsidence the full depth invariably follows.

Thus far the success of the improvement at Coos Bay is noteworthy.

aggerated. Some of the false work has been lost by recent storms and a portion of the outer end of the jetty has been beaten down by waves to a lower level than that to which first built. This was expected and only natural and is proviample, the latest reports showing a low tide depth of 22 feet. There is nothing at present to show beyond question that more work on the north jetty will be necessary to maintain this depth or that the immediate construction of the south jetty will be necessary.

Respectfully. W. H HARTS Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S.

Washington, Jan. 26, 1901. Hox. Tuos. H. Toxque,

Army.

U. S. House of Representatives. Sir:-Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 24th instant submitting inquiries regarding reported damage to jetties at Coos bay, I have to say that I telegraphed to the local officer, Capt. dated January 25, a copy of which I have the pleasure to inclose for your information.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN M. WILSON,

Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Washington, April 10, 1902. HON. THOS. H. TONGUE,

sentatives.

Sir:-In accordance with your oral request, I beg to inclose herewith a copy of a report, dated January 2, 1902, by Capt. W. C. Langfitt, Corps of Engineers, on the subject of the conditions of the Coos bay improvement.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, G. S. GILLESPIE, Brig. Gen , Chief of Engineers,

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 2, 1902. Brig. Gen. G. L. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army,

U.S. Army.

Washington, D. C. General:-1, I have the honor to submit the following report, to comply with 1st indorsement, Office Chief of

Engineers, U. S. Army, Dec. 27, 1901. 2. The present project for the improvement of the entrance to Coos bay, 2965), provides for obtaining and maintaining a channel 20 feet deep at low water through the bar at the entrance to the bay, by confining the entrance be-

tween two high-tide rubblestone jetties. 3. The north jetty was completed in 1897, throughout its entire projected length of 9,600 feet, and created, as early as 1895, and has with rare exceptions since then maintained, a channel ranging from 18 to 22 feet deep at low tide. For this reason no steps have as yet been taken towards constructing the south jetty.

4. With the \$158,000 appropriated by act of March 3, 1899, additional rubblestone was placed in the few hundred feet of the sea end of the jetty to compeneate for settlement caused by heavy seas and natural causee.

5. Since the crest of the jetty at the sea end was restored to its completed height with the \$150,000 referred to in paragraph 4 above, natural settlement has again occurred in the 500 feet of the jetty at the sea end. This, however, posed south jetty. This question can be has had no appreciable effect upon the determined, however, only after the bar channel, the depth of about 20 feet north jetty has been completed for some at low water being maintained except on one or two occasions when storms

6. The settlement referred to in par. 5 above of the few hundred feet of the sea end of the jetty was mentioned in the annual report of the Chief of Engineers for 1901 (pp. 3473-3474), where it was stated that it was estima ed that to restore the crest of the jetty to its completed height at all points would cost \$142.970.64, in addition to balance available July 1, 1901. In the same report The damage to the jetty reported in it was also stated that judging from past the recent Coos Bay papers is much ex- experience the jetty in its present condition may possibly continue to maintain the projected depth in the bar channel.

7. The conditions reported in the annual report for fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, are practically the same now. \$112,500.00 and was paid by a partyof ded for as far as possible in the construct-ion. This north jetty is now practically slowly settle, but the depth of about 20 Diseaseand Disbetes, hitherto incurable completed, the depths on the bar are feet at low water is nevertheless main- diseases. tained as projected except on occasions when storms cause temporary shouling.

8. Some severe storms have prevailed along the Oregon coast during December causing the usual temporary shoaling of the entrances to harbors, got physicians to name chrome, inbut no serious damage was done to the Coos bay jetty, A few bents of the tramway were carried (way and some further settlement of the stone work has occurred, both of which were to be expected.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, W. C. LANGETTT,

Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A. Portland, Oregon, Jan. 25th, 1901.

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, ARMY, Washington, D. C.

Reports about Coos bay jetty exagger-W. W. Harts, Corps of Engineers, for atcd. About three hundred feet of information on the subject, and I have crest at sea end beaten down by usual just received from him by wire a report winter storms. Jetty, being two miles long, this does not appreciably lessen its effectiveness. To place more stone at end under a new appropriation would necessitate practically rebuilding tramway two miles, present tramway being old and decayed. Cost of rebuilding tramway alone forty thousand dollars merely to raise crest few hundred feet sea end of jetty considered out of proportion to any benefit resulting. Depth of bar called for by project obtained in eighteen-ninety-five maintained since Chairman, Committee on Irrigation with very rare exceptions and no reason apparent why should not continue for several years at least. HARTS. Engineers.

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