

Report relative to the works at Burlington Beach for the month of November, 1825.

To the Commissioners for making a Canal and Piers at Burlington Beach.

GENTLEMEN,

The general progress of the works upon the beach have not advanced so expeditiously during the present month as previous exertions seemed to indicate.

About 250 feet of additional piers have been sunk, those formerly put down have been raised and partly loaded with stone ; preparations are making to secure the works for the winter.

In consequence of the advanced state of the season the workmen have experienced considerable delay in procuring the necessary quantity of stone.

While the weather will permit the dredging continues with effect ; the piling advances very slow, but a considerable supply of square timber has lately arrived upon the beach.

From the nature of last month's operations it is impossible correctly to estimate the exact quantity of work done, will therefore leave it for the Commissioners to determine what award may be considered requisite to meet present exigencies.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to be your obedient,

[Signed]

FRANCIS HALL.

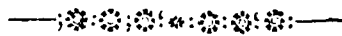
ESTIMATE OF WORK DONE AT BURLINGTON BEACH FOR NOVEMBER 1825.

Additional piers 250 feet and 15 feet in width, £313 18 6; deduct half for underfinishing	£156 19 3
Excavation calculated 8200 yards, at 3d.	102 10 0
Timber received, 7275 feet, according to accompanying statement, £33	30 0 0
Boards, &c. 837 feet	2 5 0
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The extra raising and quantity of stone cannot now be properly estimated until the piers are finished.

[Signed]

FRANCIS HALL.



To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Noble Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.

The Burlington Bay Canal Commissioners—

MOST RESPECTFULLY REPORT,

That, since our report 10th October last, the tempestuous weather, usual at this season of the year, has prevented so large a quantity of work from being done on the canal as otherwise would have been the case, and particularly the dredging and boating of stones to fill in the piers, notwithstanding which, a great extent of those has been sunk in Lake Ontario, and the dredging has been proceeded in, in Burlington Bay, with all due diligence. We beg leave to refer your Excellency to a copy of the Engineer's reports for the months of October and November, for a detail of the operations during that period.

The experience of the last autumn has fully tested the utility of the work committed to our superintendence, even in its unfinished state, and no doubt is now entertained either of its ultimate completion or great usefulness when done ; and the public seems to call so loudly for an extension of the original plan, that we feel it a duty to state to your Excellency, that were the Legislature to grant a sufficient sum, in addition to that already provided, and to be repaid in the same manner by a toll, to carry the canal to the village of Coot's Paradise, we feel persuaded nothing could more immediately tend to promote the prosperity, not only of this District, but of those lying in its neighbourhood; and the machinery for making this additional cut being in our possession, it appears to follow as a matter of course after the completion of the other. With this view of the subject, we humbly request your Excellency's approbation of an application to the Legislature for a grant of money equal to the purchase of the machinery now in use at the beach, and to attain the last object, which from its great usefulness and small expense in proportion to the extent, and conceiving that nearly all the productions of the District will pass through it, holds out a reasonable expectation that it will redeem itself in as short a period of time as the former.

For your Excellency's information, and that of the Legislature, (should we be so happy as to obtain your Excellency's approbation for an application to it for funds) we have procured plans and estimates, by which it appears the whole distance to be cut is only three miles, great part of which is an open marsh where the dredging machine can operate to great advantage, and no locks required, and the expense in consequence only £5,000, including the purchase of the machinery, which sum will be reduced considerably by the sales of the apparatus, after its completion—unless its retention might be deemed expedient in case of other works requiring its assistance in this or other parts of the Province.

The extent of inland navigation which would thus be opened, would be nearly twelve miles including one of the finest harbours in the world, greatly improving the defences of Burlington Heights, (if ever occupied as a military position,) and carrying the navigation for vessels into the heart of the country, and into the immediate neighbourhood of the most extensive establishments for manufacturing flour and sawing boards, in Upper Canada.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

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JAMES CROOKS,
MANUEL OVERFIELD,
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WILLIAM M. JARVIS.

Report relative to the Burlington and Dundas Canal.

Having examined the alluvial and marsh lands upon the route of a canal, intended to connect the Town of Dundas with Burlington Lake, the reporter begs leave to submit the accompanying map, section and estimates of the probable expense for completing the same.