

OTTAWA, 20th September, 1881.

It has been decided to invite you to "tender" for the completion of Section No. 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement, which embraces the construction of an Aqueduct and certain other works described in the accompanying specification sent for your information.

Plans of the work to be done can be seen, and a form of tender procured, at the Resident Engineer's Office, Welland, on your presenting this notice personally, on or after Tuesday, the 20th September, instant.

Sealed tenders, made out according to the printed forms thus obtained, and addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, at Ottawa, will be received until the arrival of the mails on Tuesday, the 4th October next.

You are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and, in the case of firms, except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and, further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$3,000 must accompany the tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The cheques thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfillment of the contract satisfactory security will be required by the deposit of money to the amount of *five per cent.* on the bulk sum of the contract, of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By authority,

JOHN PAGE, Chief Engineer of Canals.

SPECIFICATION OF THE WORK REMAINING TO BE DONE ON SECTION No. 27 OF THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE WELLAND CANAL.

RE-LETTING CONTRACT.

This section is about 5,600 feet in length, and embraces the satisfactory completion of the unfinished parts of the enlargement of the Canal within the boundaries of the Town of Welland; the construction of an aqueduct through and over the Chippawa River; taking down the greater part of the old lift-lock, or that now in use, between the river and the Canal; removing the abutments of the old or present road bridge which connects the east and west parts of the Town of Welland on line of Main Street; the completion of the new lock and entrances to it; the protection or fenders to the new bridge on line of Division Street, and such other works as are herein described or may be required, and which the contractor may be called upon to execute in connection with the carrying out of the contemplated improvements.

The channel way is to be enlarged to a width of one hundred feet at bottom, when sunk to an uniform depth of 2 feet 9 inches, below the top of the mitre sill of the old lock at Port Colborne; and the foundations of all permanent structures, such as the Aqueduct, its wing walls, or such continuation of the latter as may be directed, abutments or piers at entrance of channel leading to the new lock, or at places where walls are required on the main line of Canal, must all be placed sufficiently low for a depth of 15 feet in the reach at assumed low water level of Lake Erie.

The approaches at both ends of the Aqueduct as well as those above and below the new lock, and also the width of the water-way on the main line of the Canal, where required, must be increased to such dimensions as may be directed when the works are in progress.