

of Lake Charles ; the remaining distance of two and a half miles to the Dartmouth Cove could be used in an unfinished state, it being all down hill into the Dartmouth Lakes, where much of the productions of the forest would be deposited for sale or use.

At the present high rate of labor and materials it will cost, as near as I can estimate, £150 for the waste Wear and £350 for the Grand Lake Lock, £200 for Fletcher's Lock, £2,500 for the Inclined Plane at Porto Bello, £800 will put the Port Wallace Locks and deep cut in working order, £3,500 should construct the Inclined Plane at Dartmouth and finish the Lock. This increased cost of the work Southward of the Grand Lake is due to the high rate of labor and materials, and from the manner in which the old Canal works were constructed, compelling me to re-construct over again a large quantity of work, which, I had supposed, would answer for the new works. It has also been considered proper greatly to improve the design and workmanship of all the works ; in fact, we are making a far superior work than at first contemplated, induced to do so from the belief that the advantages to be derived from it demand the most careful and solid construction. We have a large quantity of tools, required in making a Canal, and a Forge and Carpenter Shop in Dartmouth. The sale of the land, not wanted for Canal purposes, and the proceeds from the sale of stone and tools, when the work is finished, will re-pay a large portion of the outlay. A large portion of the work done by the old Company is available and valuable in the present work.

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