

included and the total estimate of cost was about \$6,000, but being desirous of having the work done at as little cost as possible, I decided to excavate the bed alongside the wharf built by us, and save a good deal of the proposed extension. This has been done as already stated but is not acceptable to the vessel masters. The extension demanded now is considerably less than the work first proposed, and I should be much obliged if you can see your way clear to make provision for this further work in your supplementary estimates.

I have written to Mr. Emmerson upon the matter and am quite sure that he will give his warm and earnest support.

Perhaps you would also arrange for Mr. Stead to go over the work again, in which case if he will communicate with me, I will take him down in our boat and explain exactly what is now required, and I beg to assure you that every effort will be made to cover absolute requirement with as small expenditure as possible.

Requesting your favourable consideration of this matter,

I remain yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) C. J. OSMAN.

To that there is a very courteous reply from the minister to Mr. Osman, dated June 30:

Dear Mr. Osman,—I am in receipt of your favour of the 26th inst., having reference to extension of wharf at Pink Rock, and have referred the matter to my chief engineer, with directions that Mr. Resident Engineer Stead look into same and report.

Mr. PUGSLEY. What is wrong with that?

Mr. CROCKET. Oh, nothing. The government did not lose much time, for on June 30, 1908, I find a memorandum from the minister to the chief engineer:

Kindly note letter of Hon. Mr. Osman, re extension of Pink Rock wharf, and direct Mr. Resident Engineer Stead to examine the work at once and report as to necessity for and cost of proposed addition.

Then, on September 11, the chief engineer writes Resident Engineer Stead as follows:

I enclose herewith file No. 321777, containing your report regarding the extension of the wharf at Pink Rock, N.B., the cost of which you estimated at \$2,830, and would ask to let me have an answer to the deputy minister's query, as to whether this work would be done by day labour.

I may say that the vote of \$5,000 in the estimates is for the building of an extension of 75 feet to the wharf at Pink Rock, built by the Albert Manufacturing Company and the New Brunswick Gypsum Company. This is the work for which you were authorized on the 10th August last, to prepare contract plans and specifications. Kindly let me know if the work mentioned in the inclosed report, the cost of which you placed at \$2,830, forms any part of the proposed 75 feet extension.

Then comes a letter from Mr. Osman of the 12th of November, 1908, to the minister:

Mr. CROCKET.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Pugsley,—I am getting quite anxious about the wharf at Pink Rock, as we have a large cargo ready for shipment there, and have had it there all this season, but owing to the insecurity of the place, we have not been able to induce any of our steamers to go there to load.

Mr. Stead has, I believe, prepared plans for a small extension and breakwater block, which, I think, will make the place perfectly safe, and this work ought to be done as early as possible next spring, and as some funds from the old appropriation are available, perhaps you could see your way clear to instruct him to have the work finished by day work the same as the other work was done at this place, as it will be necessary to get timber out this winter, and have it ready for early rafting, in order to get the place available for use next year. If you will be kind enough to interest yourself in this matter, I shall feel very much obliged to you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) C. J. OSMAN.

On November 24, 1908, the minister wrote to Mr. Osman as follows:

Dear Mr. Osman,—I am in receipt of your favour of the 12th inst., and in reply beg to say that I have given directions to have the work at Pink Rock done without delay.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) WM. PUGSLEY.

There is a further letter from Mr. Stead on the 27th November, 1908, to Mr. Lafleur, the chief engineer at Ottawa:

Sir,—I have received a letter from Mr. C. J. Osman, of the Albert Manufacturing Company, of Hillsborough, stating that he is very anxious about the Pink Rock wharf, as the company have a large cargo of gypsum tied up there which cannot be shipped till the proposed extension is built.

Mr. Osman writes, 'I would like also for you (if possible) to obtain the consent of the department to carry on this work by day work, and authorize Downey (the former foreman) to go ahead with it, in which case we will arrange with him so that he can get the timber in Hillsborough off our own land, which is the most convenient point at which suitable timber can be obtained, and we will make the cost to him much lower than it could be procured anywhere else. If, on the other hand, a contract is to be let, it is of great importance that it should be let at once. Perhaps you will be good enough to communicate with the department, and find out exactly how the matter stands.'

I have read your instructions of the 24th September to proceed immediately by day labour with the construction of a 47-foot extension at a cost of \$2,830—the balance of the appropriation for this year being \$2,839.51—and I informed Mr. Osman of this, but on account of the difficulty of procuring lumber and working at the site of the wharf late in the season, I have not been able to have the work started.

The first work was done by Mr. Osman with his own men, he charged actual cost, and at the Hon. Mr. Emmerson's suggestion, I en-