

As this course was not adopted, it is difficult for the Ministers to give the approval required by the statute, and they would suggest for the consideration of the Board, that it might be advisable under the circumstances to invite fresh tenders, giving a very short notice, say a week, the character of the work being already sufficiently known. This would relieve the Board and Government from embarrassment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

A. H. VERRET, Esq.,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

Certified.

(Signed)

A. H. VERRET,

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Harbour Commissioners' Office,
Quebec, 22nd March, 1879.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

ABSTRACT of the *Minutes of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, held at their Court Hall, Custom House, the 8th July, 1878.*

The following resolution, moved by the Honourable Isidore Thibaudeau, seconded by Jos. H. Simmons, Esq., with its preambles, is unanimously adopted.

Whereas by the letter of the Secretary to the Public Works Department, read at this meeting, the Ministers of the Public Works and of Marine and Fisheries declare they cannot give their approval to the award of the contract for the construction of the proposed Graving Dock at Point Lévis, made by this Board to Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co., at the meeting held the 1st June last, and—

Whereas by the third section of the thirty-eighth Victoria, chapter fifty-sixth, it is necessary that such an award be ratified by the said Ministers of Public Works and of Marine and Fisheries, be it therefore

Resolved, That the conditional award of the contract for the construction of the proposed Graving Dock at Point Lévis made at the meeting of this Board, held the 1st day of June last, to Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co., subject to the approval of the Government, be and is hereby cancelled, and that Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co. be notified in accordance herewith.

On motion of Jos. Shebryn, Esquire, seconded by Jos. H. Simmons, Esquire, the following resolution, with its preamble, is unanimously adopted:—

Whereas the award made at the meeting of this Board, held the first day of June last, cannot be carried out in consequence of the Government's refusal to sanction it, be it

Resolved, That new tenders be called for the construction of the Graving Dock up to the 18th instant, at noon, and that the said tenders be advertised in the following named papers:—*The Morning Chronicle, The Daily Mercury, Le Journal de Quebec, Le Canadian L'Evenement, L'Eclairer, The Montreal Herald, The Montreal Gazette, Le National, The Toronto Globe and The Telegraph.*

Certified.

(Signed)

A. H. VERRET,

Secretary-Treasurer.

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