

Mr. Alexis Dumas, second engineer on board of a dredge, had served the Commissioners for a long time, and did his duty well; he was dismissed in the spring and replaced by another.

Lastly, capable men who had long served as second engineers, and who deserved to be promoted to be first engineers of the Commissioners' new dredges were not so promoted, but strangers were brought in to fill those places.

It is not surprising, therefore, that with so considerable a number of employees incapable of discharging their duties, some of whom occupy important positions, the works do not advance, many and costly accidents happen, the public is dissatisfied with the management, and the public interests suffer.

Under these circumstances, the undersigned deem themselves justified, in the public interest, in laying before you the present address, and in praying you to use your influence to bring about the holding of an enquiry into the management of the works of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal and their employees at Sorel, in order that abuses and faults may be proved, and remedies thereof suggested, in order to render justice to those to whom it is due, and at the same time protect the interests of the public and the funds of the Dominion.

SOREL, August, 1876.

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