

" OTTAWA, 27th April, 1887.

" GENTLEMEN,—There remains a very large quantity of materials in the Wet Basin, Quebec Harbour Works, a portion of which it is desirable should be removed during the ensuing summer, and the propriety of proceeding therewith I desire to bring to the notice of the Commissioners. Before I can do this I wish to obtain the price per cubic yard, measured in the same manner as was the dredging previously done by you, at which you will do what is required.

" I want only one price, which must cover the dredging to any depths required which may not exceed fifteen feet below low-water spring tides, and the conveyance to a place of deposit, whether on the embankment or in the river. An early answer will oblige,

(Exhibit " Y1 ".) " Yours obediently,
" HENRY F. PERLEY,
" Chief Engineer."

" QUEBEC, 28th April, 1887.

" HENRY F. PERLEY, Esq.,
" Chief Engineer, Ottawa.

" SIR,—Your favour of the 27th inst. is at hand. In reply we would beg to say that we are prepared to do what dredging is required, as mentioned in your letter, for the average price of our previous dredging, viz., thirty-five (35) cents, although the difficulties are greater than we have had to contend with during the progress of our previous dredging, inasmuch as the passage is narrow, the currents stronger, and the distance to the place of deposit further. We are, Sir,

(Exhibit " Y1 ".) " Your obedient servants,
" LARKIN, CONNOLLY & CO."

It appears that this correspondence took place before the Harbour Commissioners were consulted. The matter was brought to their notice by the following letter :

" HARBOUR WORKS,
" ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
" QUEBEC, 6th May, 1887.

" SIR,—As a large quantity of dredging remains to be done to complete the area of the Wet Basin to a depth of 15 feet at low spring tides, and as it is desirable that a portion of the work should be proceeded with during the ensuing summer, I addressed a letter—a copy of which is attached—to Messrs. Larkin, Connolly & Co., asking for a price at which they would do the dredging required, the measurement to be made in the same manner as previously done, and the material conveyed to a place of deposit, whether in the embankment or in the river. To this request Messrs. Larkin, Connolly & Co. have replied, and state their price to be 35 cents per yard. (See copy of their letter also attached.) If this offer be accepted, I have to request that the expenditure in dredging during the year be limited to \$100,000.

(Exhibit " Y1 ".) " I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
" HENRY F. PERLEY,
" Chief Engineer."

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

CHARGE No. 6.

SUBSIDIES TO STEAMER " ADMIRAL."

"That on the 10th May, 1888, the Government of Canada decided to pay to Mr Julien Chabot, as owner, a sum of \$12,500 yearly for five years as a subsidy to the