

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 27th December, 1871.

On a memorandum dated 21st December, 1871, from the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, reporting that ten offers have been received for executing the work of enlarging and deepening the Harbor of Port Colborne, at the entrance of the Welland Canal, on Lake Erie, the lowest of which was made by Messrs. Dixon & Gibson, of Whitby, Ontario, and that Messrs. Dixon & Gibson have since withdrawn their tender by letter addressed to him (the Minister of Public Works), dated on the 3rd of November, ultimo, he, the Minister, recommends that he be authorized to give the Contract for enlarging and deepening the Harbor of Port Colborne to Messrs. George Neilson & Company, of Belleville, Ontario who offer as their sureties Mr. Alexander Fleck and Mr. D. R. Leavens, both of Ottawa City, and whose tender is the next lowest, making, at the schedules rates therein specified, a bulk sum of \$101,677 for the work measured in solid, or \$100,177 for the work if measured in piles.

The Committee submit the foregoing recommendation for your Excellency's approval.
Certified.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,
Clerk, Privy Council.

(Copy of 20,496.)

ST. CATHERINES, January 15th, 1872.

F. Braun, Esq., Secretary,
Department Public Works, Ottawa.

SIR.—We are anxious to avail ourselves of the sheet of ice now on the Harbor at Port Colborne to get as much of the drilling and blasting done as possible, which will be required in the removal of the rock, and desire that you send an officer to point out the true position of the work to be done. Your immediate attention to this will much oblige,

(Signed,) Yours truly,
GEO. NEILSON & Co.

(No. 13,425.)

OTTAWA, 25th January, 1872.

G. Neilson & Co., Port Colborne.

An officer will be at Port Colborne by time mentioned in your letter.

(Signed,) F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

(Copy of No. 20,601.)

PORT COLBORNE, January 28th, 1872.

F. Braun, Esq., Secretary,
Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

SIR.—We expect that in the beginning of next week experts will be here to commence blasting the rock, and are anxious that they shall not be delayed.

They will hold us responsible for their wages whether they work or not.

It will be necessary that an officer be here to point out the work to be done.

We beg further to say, that we have not yet received the copy of the plan which we expected to have had by this time.

(Signed,) Yours truly,
GEO. NEILSON & Co.