

It is unnecessary to take up your attention with the details of this estimate, or to point out all the differences between this and the one furnished by Mr. Lyons; but I will merely observe that a lock of 12 feet lift, 135 feet long in the chambers, 33 feet wide, and with $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water on the sills, including gates and working gear complete, is estimated by Mr. Lyons at £3,547, and by me at £4,700.

After the experience of the last six years as to the cost of stone locks in various parts of the Province, I am quite safe in stating that locks of the size and description required for this navigation cannot be built for the sum stated by Mr. Lyons. Those of the Welland Canal have cost upwards of £6,000 each.

I have therefore to observe in conclusion, that according to the best judgment I can form of the projected improvement of the Trent, my opinion is that it would require an appropriation of £400,000 to cover the cost of it, independently of the expense of land damages; but that as regards the other two sections it may be found, upon further examination, that a trifling deviation may be made in the line, by which the canal may be improved without additional expense.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) SAMUEL KEEFER,
Engineer, Board of Works.

The Hon. Hamilton H. Killaly.