

(Telegram—Rush).

OTTAWA, October 3rd, 1881.

Inform Mr. Page that Sir John A. Macdonald on an application of Bannerman & Co. for leave to tender for Aqueduct thinks they should be allowed to do so.

F. BRAUN.

W. G. THOMPSON, Welland.

*By Telegraph from Welland, Ont., to F. Braun, Secretary Department Canals.*

OTTAWA, 3rd Oct., 1881.

Yours received, will hand it to Mr. Page on his arrival here.

W. G. THOMPSON.

WELLAND, Oct. 5, 1881.

Message sent through Thompson received at eight o'clock last night circular letters were prepared and sent agreeably to tenor of Minute of Council on subject; time expired Tuesday for receiving tenders; see circular letter.

JOHN PAGE.

F. BRAUN, Secretary Railways and Canals.

OTTAWA, 11th October, 1881.

SIR.—The papers necessary of Section No. 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement having been prepared and printed, circular letters were addressed to ten different contractors inviting them to tender for the completion of the works, as provided for in a minute of the Privy Council made at the time the original contractors were released.

A copy of each of these documents is now herewith enclosed for present and future reference, viz:—

1st Copy of general specifications describing the nature and the extent of the works and manner in which they are expected to be executed.

2nd A form of tender intended to embrace all the different items of work to be done.

3rd A copy of the printed circular letter addressed to each of the following named contractors, viz:—

Robert L. Gibson,	Esq.,	Contractor,	Grimsby, Ont.
Alexander Manning,	do	do	Toronto, Ont.
Alex. S. Brown,	do	do	Belleville, Ont.
Merrit A. Cleveland,	do	do	Port Colborne, Ont.
James Worthington,	do	do	Brockville, Ont.
H. J. Beemer,	do	do	Montreal, Que.
Messrs. Smith & McGaw,	do	do	Port Hope and Ottawa, Ont.
Messrs. Belden & Co.,	do	do	Syracuse, N. Y.
Chas. Raynor & Co.,	do	do	do
G. Peterson, Esq.,	do	do	Lockport, N. Y.

It will be seen from the copy of notice addressed to the different parties that the time for receiving tenders expired on Tuesday the 4th instant. I therefore beg to hand you herewith the approximate quantities of the various items of work (marked on the margin of a blank form) so that the tenders, when opened, can be calculated, and the respective amounts carried out in the usual way.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN PAGE, C.E.C.