

600 feet long and capable of receiving the largest vessels trading to the Saint-Lawrence.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAS WOODS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OF
CANADA.

Ottawa, 30th November, 1898.

JAS. WOODS, Esq.,

Secretary-Treasurer,

Harbour Commissioners,

Quebec.

My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your communication of November the 26th, re lengthening of the Levis Graving Dock, so as to make it 600 feet.

In reply, I may say that I quite recognize the importance of such an improvement. I consider it a necessity, in view of the larger class of vessels which are visiting our Ports. Unfortunately, no provision was made by Parliament, during its last session for the immediate commencement of the work.

Of course, you will readily understand that I am not in a position to make any definite promise, before I have the consent of the Council ; but, speaking for myself, I repeat, that I recognize the necessity of lengthening the Levis Graving Dock, and I hope that at the next session, I will be authorized to proceed with the work.

Truly yours,

J. ISRAEL TARTE.