tory to know that the Government has already commenced the erection of such Lighthouses as are necessary to the safe navigation of the Georgian Bay and its northern and southern channels to Lake Huron.

Six are now under contract, namely, three in the north channel, one in the south on Cove Island, one on Christian Island, and one on Nottawasaga Island, in close proximity to Collingwood Harbor. These will be partially executed during the present season, and in connection with the Company's Harbor-lights, will afford the fullest provision in this particular.

At the Toronto Terminus, the Lower Depot at the Queen's Wharf has been so far graded and filled as to afford good temporary station ground, with three lines of Sidings comprising a length of 5552 feet.

An ample Pier has been constructed to water line and a large proportion of cribbing framed and prepared for sinking in the formation of permanent water frontage. The contracts for these works were, however, necessarily suspended in consequence of the intentions of other Railway Companies entering the City from the westward not being clearly defined, and because also, no positive arrangements had been concluded as to the position and manner in which the City Esplanade works were to be executed.

Under such circumstances, it would have been premature to proceed further with the construction of your Wharfage and Depot, the more especially as I am instructed that the position commonly assigned to the Esplanade would be altogether valueless as freighting frontage, by reason of insufficient depth of water, in which event it would be necessary to project the breastworks of your Depot far beyond those intended for the general use of the City. Application has been made for copies of the plans under which

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