

(Copy of No. 19,514).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
OTTAWA, 21st November, 1871.

SIR.—I beg to return you the draft of contract and bond of Messrs. Geo. Neilson & Co., for enlarging and deepening the Harbor of Port Colborne, approved with the slight alterations made.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) H. BERNARD.

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

OTTAWA, 2nd December, 1871.

By Telegraph from Hamilton, to F. Braun.

Will be in Ottawa, Thursday, to sign Contract for Port Colborne Work.

(Signed,) GEO. NEILSON & Co.

(Copy of No. 12,971.)

OTTAWA, 18th December, 1871.

Messrs. G. Neilson & Co., Belleville.

Minister requests your final answer regarding Port Colborne Works,
(Signed,) F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

OTTAWA, 19th Dec., 1871.

By Telegraph from Belleville, to F. Braun, Secretary.

Not home. Will let him know as soon find out where he is.

(Signed,) J. R. NEILSON.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OTTAWA, 21st December, 1871.

Memorandum.

The undersigned has the honor to report—

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.

That Messrs. Dixon and Gibson have since withdrawn their tender by letter addressed to the undersigned, dated on the 3rd of November, ultimo.

The undersigned has the honor to recommend, that he be authorized to give the contract for enlarging and deepening the Harbour 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 next lowest, making at the Schedule rates, therein specified, a bulk sum of one hundred and one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars (101,677) for the work measured in solid; or one hundred thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$100,177) for the work if measured in piles.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) H. L. LANGEVIN,
Minister Public Works.