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## CANADA, WATER COMMUNICATION.

AN ACCOUNT of the progress which has been made in the Works for the Improvement of the Water Communication between Montreal and Kingston, by the Rideau and Ottawa Rivers; of the Sums actually expended, stating how far these correspond with the Estimate laid before the Finance Committee in 1828, and the probable Cost of so much of these Works as still remains to be executed, so far as the same can be afforded from the Documents in this Office.

NAME OF WORK.	Sum actually expended to the 31st Dec. 1829.	Sum required to complete from 31st Dec. 1829.	TOTAL Amount of Estimate.	REMARKS.
RIDEAU CANAL -	£. 349,264	£. 227,493	£. 576,757*	* This is the amount of Lieut.-Colonel By's Estimate for completing the Canal on the scale ordered by the Committee, of which Lieut.-General Sir James Kempt was president. The amount is £.48,913 more than is put down for the Canal on the same scale in the Report to the Finance Committee in 1828, page 408; this excess is explained by the original estimate not providing for the expense of two companies of sappers and miners, nor for the civil and military superintendance. In regard to the progress which has been made in the work, Lieutenant Colonel By has reported by letter, dated 31st December 1829, that three-fifths of it is completed, and that he has every reason to suppose that it will be finished in August 1831, with very little excess on the total of £.576,757. Although £.349,264 is stated to have been actually expended on the Canal to 31st December 1829, only £.296,666 has yet been voted, therefore a further vote of £.280,091 will be necessary, including the £.140,000 which is proposed to be granted in the present year.
	Sum expended to 24th Dec. 1828.	Sum required to complete from 24th Dec. 1828.	TOTAL Amount of Estimate.	
GRENVILLE CANAL	113,920	21,000*	134,920	* This is the amount of the detailed estimate which was transmitted by Lieut.-General Sir James Kempt to the Colonial Secretary of State, with a Report, dated 12th February 1829, to complete this Canal on the scale of locks ordered for the Rideau, and added to the expenditure previously incurred, makes a total of £.134,920 for the whole, which is £.74,920 more than is put down for this Canal in page 408 of the Report to the Finance Committee in 1828, but the sum therein stated does not, it is presumed, include the pay and allowances of the staff corps companies for six months in each year, since the commencement of the Work in 1819, which amounts to £.22,458, and is included in the expenditure of £.113,920, to 24th December 1828, nor the expense of constructing the larger locks on the scale of the Rideau, now ordered. The exact expense of this object does not appear in the detailed estimate, but it has been hitherto assumed at £.41,000. This Canal is expected to be completed in the present spring.
CARILLON RAPIDS - - -	-	58,000	58,000	Not yet commenced. This sum is the amount of the detailed estimate transmitted with Sir James Kempt's Report of 12th February, before quoted; it is £.33,000 more than is put down in the Report to the Finance Committee, but the sum there stated did not include the expense of the enlargement of the locks.
CHUTE A BLONDEAU - - -	-	11,580	11,580	This is the amount of the detailed Estimate transmitted with Sir James Kempt's Report, before quoted. The work is not yet commenced. The sum put down for the work, including St. Anne's Rapids, in the Report to the Finance Committee, is calculated at £.25,000, but no detailed estimate for the latter work has yet been received, therefore no correct comparison can be made; but if it is desirable to do so on the best information that can be afforded, it may be stated, that for the completion of St. Anne's Rapids, with locks on the scale of the Rideau, £.40,000 had been assumed.
ST. ANNE'S RAPIDS - - -	-	-	-	

IT is proper to notice, that the detailed Estimates sent home by Sir James Kempt for the completion of the Grenville, the Carillon Rapids, and the Chute a Blondeau, do not clearly shew whether the pay and allowances of the staff companies employed on the works be included. If this should prove not to be the case, it will, as the Master-General and Board have ordered these men to be charged to the works, be necessary to allow the sum of £.14,676 for this purpose, being the amount of pay, &c. for three years, from 24th December 1828, when the Works, if sufficient funds are allowed, are expected to be completed.

*Memorandum.*—From the year 1826 to 1829 stores have been sent from England for those Canals; viz. for the Rideau to the value of £.13,818, and for the Grenville to the value of £.3,086; but it cannot be positively ascertained, without a reference to Canada, whether or not the value of those stores has been included in the Statement of Expenditure to 31st December 1829, transmitted by the engineer officer who superintends the construction of those Canals.

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