

not recollect the date—Mr. Page had reported, and that the Government accepted and acted upon this report. He could not give the exact date of Mr. Page's report, but the Government had accepted his report. As to the previous rise in prices, it was accomplished wholly by the hon. gentlemen opposite, who said it was for a different class of work. That might be the case, but, according to his recollection, it was the same class of work, merely deepening the canal. It was as easy to quarry rock six feet down as four feet down. He was not competent to say whether \$1.50 was too high a price or not. If the work was of an entirely different character, why did not the hon. gentleman ask for new tenders?

MR. LANGEVIN: Because the contractor was there, and it was more economical to give him the contract.

MR. MACKENZIE said he did not say that money was not saved by giving it to the former contractor. He merely argued from the hon. gentleman's premises. He stated the simple fact that the work had been done before at \$1.30 and it had been paid for at \$1.50. The Government accepted the hon. gentleman's recommendations and referred the matter to Mr. Page, whose report was accepted and acted upon, and constituted practically the contract under which Mr. Goodwin was carrying on his operation.

MR. CURRIER said when the works were given out by the late Government the locks were neither to be so large nor was the canal to be sunk so deep as afterwards. The policy was changed afterwards to give nine feet of water instead of six; therefore it was more expensive to sink the timber of that lock three feet deeper, because the water had to be pumped out, and a cellar had to be sunk to put the lock in. Mr. Page was instructed to see whether the schedule of prices should be changed for this work.

MR. LANGEVIN said he did not recollect exactly what the plans of Goodwin were, but he was under the impression that he was dissatisfied with the measurements, and claimed he was

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not paid properly. The matter was referred to the Chief Engineer, Mr. Page, to ascertain what amount of money Mr. Goodwin was entitled to, not what increased rate he was to receive.

MR. McCALLUM said any one could see that it cost more to quarry out a foot of rock at the bottom than a foot at the top.

Vote agreed to.

91. Culbute (improving approach to Canal.....)	\$24,000
93. Miscellaneous.....	10,000

Resolutions ordered to be reported.

House resumed.

Resolutions reported.

House adjourned at

Five minutes before

Three o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Saturday, 27th April, 1878.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

QUEBEC BUILDING SOCIETIES ACT.

BILL IN AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

MR. HOLTON asked the unanimous consent of the House to the introduction of a Bill. Last Session a Bill was passed respecting Building Societies in the Province of Quebec, the provisions of which in incorporated towns were to come in force on 1st July, 1878, and in all other parts of the Province on 1st July, 1879. It had been represented to him that bringing the Act into operation in respect to incorporated towns would result in great inconvenience, and would be injurious. The object of the Bill he wished to introduce was to extend the time for the Act coming into force in incorporated towns to 1st July, 1879.

MR. LANGEVIN said there had not been a petition to the House representing the state of things referred to by the hon. member for Chateaugay, and