

CLARKE & ADAMS' TENDER FOR NEW WHARF THE LOWEST

Their Figures \$25,000 Below D. C. Clarke's and Less Than Director Cushing's Estimate — Board Believes They Have Mis-calculated and Will Go Over the Plans With Them — Permanent Paving For Principal Streets.

The tenders for the new wharf extension at the special meeting of the Board of Works, and the tender of Clarke and Adams was found to be the lowest tender by \$25,000. The estimates of the department for the year were also considered and passed with few alterations.

The following were present: Ald. McGoldrick (presiding), Ald. Lewis, Baxter, Hamm, Bullock, Rowan, Tilley, Willet, Sproul, Holder, Christie, Yarrant, Director Cushing and Engineer Peters.

The chairman said that the meeting was called to consider the estimates for the coming year and also the tenders for the new wharf. He would take the last matter first.

Ald. Baxter thought that no tender should be accepted until the government promises us the necessary dredging. He suggested that the board should recommend the acceptance of the better tender, subject to the arrangement with the government being made.

Ald. Bullock moved that the tender be read, and a wire sent to Ottawa saying that the city awaited their decision in regard to the dredging.

Ald. McGoldrick spoke of having the money of the tenders held up. He thought that when men tender they should be opened as soon as possible.

The tenders were then opened. Clarke and Adams offered to do the wharf for \$16,855 with \$15.00 for extra piling. They enclosed \$7,500. D. C. Clarke was the other tender. His offer was for \$17,715 with \$15 for extra piling. He enclosed \$9,000 as a guarantee.



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GOVERNMENT'S GREAT VICTORY

General Elections Yesterday for New Reichstag.

First Election Since 1887 That the Socialists Have Not Increased Their Representation.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The government has won a definite victory in the general elections held today for a new Reichstag. The Liberal, Radical and Conservative parties, supporting Prince VonBismarck's colonial policy, have won at least twenty seats, but more important for the government than the success of its colonial plans, is the smashing defeat administered to the Socialists, who will lose a total of seventeen or eighteen seats.

This is the first election since 1887 that the Socialists have not increased their representation in the Reichstag by from five to twenty seats. They have lost especially several large cities, among these places being Breslau, Halle, Magdeburg, Leipzig and Koelnburg. The clerical center holds almost all of its former one hundred seats, in Silesia. There is a possibility, however, that realignments in the undecided districts may lose one or two more seats to the Centre party.

LORD STRATHCONA SAILS TODAY FOR LIVERPOOL

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—In good health and spirits Lord Strathcona said farewell to friends tonight just before leaving for Liverpool, whence he sails tomorrow for London. The question of his lordship's retirement is now known not to have been discussed with the Premier. It is understood Lord Strathcona whose retirement all Canadianians wish delayed as long as possible will return to Canada in the spring.

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C.P.R. WANTS EMPRESSES TO STOP AT HALIFAX

Want Running Rights Over I. C. R. — Government Will Not Permit Violation of the Mail Contract, So That White Empresses May Land Passengers and Mails at Halifax, They Must Call Here for Freight.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, acting for the C. P. R., has opened negotiations with the government with the idea of obtaining the privilege of running certain C. P. R. trains over the government railway. Just what is asked cannot be ascertained, but it is understood that the desire of the C. P. R. is to secure also the terminal privileges at Halifax with the idea of landing mails and passengers there, and of making Halifax the terminus of their Empresses.

The government has expressed willingness to consent to the rights if a suitable and fair arrangement has been made, but your correspondent is authorized to inform that the idea of modifying the mail contract so as to allow the Empresses to remain at Halifax will not be considered. The contract entered into by the Allan Halifax Chronicle in a despatch from Ottawa states that it is generally believed that during the past few days the government has been approached by representatives of the C. P. R. with the view of obtaining greater privileges from Halifax than at present. It is learned, however, that the C. P. R. wish to participate in all local traffic, both passenger and freight, on the I. C. R. from St. John to Halifax, but the compensation offered is entirely unsatisfactory to the government. "It is known that the C. P. R. is anxious to secure greater facilities at Halifax, and they are willing to negotiate terms with the I. C. R. for such privileges as they desire. Officials of that company argue that trade between Halifax and the West can only be developed by having a direct line of communication." The despatch concludes: "If satisfactory arrangements are made

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY HONORED BY CLAN MACKENZIE AND BY CONCERT IN CALVIN CHURCH

The birthday of Robert Burns was celebrated in a fitting manner by the Scots of the city last night. A Scottish concert was given in Calvin church in honor of the day, and later in the evening the Clan Mackenzie met at White's for a supper.

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