

1838. However important to the interests of this rapidly improving Colony the works which are now constructing on the St. Lawrence in this Province will prove to be, much of their utility, and of the object for which they have been undertaken, must be lost, unless the communication on that part of the river below Coteau du Lac be improved on a similar scale. The Legislature of Lower Canada appropriated a grant of £500 at its Session of 1835, for the survey of the Lake St. Lewis, it was hoped as a preliminary step to the improvement of the navigation: nothing, however, has since been done; and as the Commissioners appointed to effect the survey have not had an opportunity of submitting the Report, (which is understood to be favorable,) it is more than probable that a further and very injurious delay may take place.

With this Report, the Board submit for the information of the Legislature a copy of the Minutes of its proceedings for the past season; the Report of the Resident Engineer on the state and progress of the works, and an abstract of Receipts and Disbursements with the proper vouchers—of all which documents they solicit a thorough examination.

JONAS JONES,

President of the Board of Commissioners.

Office of the Commissioners for the Improvement
of the Navigation of the St. Lawrence.
Brockville, 1st November, 1836.

APPENDIX TO REPORT.

GENERAL ABSTRACT of Receipts and Disbursements for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence from 1st January to 31st October, 1836.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Paid contingent expenses per Voucher 1 to 32	502	3	3	Balance on hand per Abstract, 1st Jan. 1836	151	0	1½
“ Expenses Engineer's Department, 1 to 15	2568	0	10	Cash from Receiver General	86000	0	0
“ Salaries, 1 to 6	412	10	0	Advanced to Beehy & Co. repaid	250	0	0
“ Claim for damages, 1 to 26	1131	16	7	At credit of Contingent Account	417	11	0
“ Contractors, 1 to 276	75771	10	6				
“ Stone, 1 to 6	178	3	0				
“ Road, 1 to 13	257	9	4				
“ Advances on account of unsettled Claims, 1 to 5	2000	0	0				
Balance on hand 31st October	3996	17	7½				
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Balance in the hands of the Commissioners, 31st October, 1836, £3996 17s. 7½d.

JAMES HUME, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Commissioners, held at Cornwall on Tuesday, 12th January, 1836.

Present—JONAS JONES, Esquire, *President*;
PHILIP VANKOUGHNET,
HIRAM NORTON,
GEORGE LONGLEY, } Esqrs.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were read.
The Resident Engineer submitted the monthly estimate of work.

The Committee appointed to examine the Books and Accounts of the Secretary, reported as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

Your Committee, appointed by a resolution of the Board at its last Meeting, to investigate the Books and Accounts kept by the Secretary, have done so, and feel great pleasure in stating, that after a very minute examination they have

found every thing perfectly correct, and that the Books have been kept in a manner highly satisfactory.

Your Committee further beg leave to remark, that in their opinion it would be very desirable that a Committee should be appointed to examine the Accounts relating to the works quarterly.

H. NORTON,
GEORGE LONGLEY.

The Secretary submitted a communication relative to the payment of accounts, &c., which was read as follows:

To the Board of Commissioners for the Improvement of the Navigation of the River St. Lawrence:

GENTLEMEN,

In conformity with a resolution of the Board, passed at its meeting of the 22nd ultimo, I have submitted the Books, Accounts, &c., in my office, to the inspection of the Committee appointed for the purpose.

In order to insure the utmost regularity in my accounts, and to facilitate their inspection, I take the liberty of suggesting an arrangement, which, in my opinion, will not