
Contracts.

Order in Council, May 23, 1880.—On a joint memorandum dated March 20, 1880, from the Honourable the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Railways and Canals, recommending that hereafter all public works involving an expenditure of over \$5,000 shall be let by public tender and contract, unless owing to urgency or other cause it be deemed advisable to take different action, and that in all such cases authority be obtained by an Order in Council. That, with all tenders submitted, a money guarantee, or approved accepted cheque, shall be given, to be open to forfeiture in the event of the tenderer failing to make the necessary five per cent deposit hereinafter referred to, within eight days after receiving notice of the acceptance of the tender, or of his declining to enter into contract when requested, the amount of such guarantee to be fixed at a sum not less than \$1,000, nor more than \$5,000. That upon acceptance of a tender, and notification by the department concerned, the intending contractor shall, within eight days, deposit with the Government a sum of money equal to five per cent of the amount of his contract. That in all cases where tenders have been called for, the lowest received shall be accepted, unless good and sufficient reasons appear for passing over such tender. The Committee submit the above recommendations for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, J. O. COTÉ, *C.P.C.*

Order in Council, June 16, 1888.—The Board submit for the favourable consideration of Council the annexed memorandum from the Deputy Minister of Finance respecting the mode of treatment of securities deposited by public contractors, to the effect that the proceeds of all cheques and all deposits on account of contractors' securities be deposited in the Government savings bank.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*

(Circular.)

FINANCE DEPT., OTTAWA, July 4, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to inclose herewith a copy of an Order in Council, passed on June 16, 1888, respecting the mode of treatment of securities deposited by public contractors, from which you will observe that hereafter the proceeds of all cheques and all deposits on account of contractors' securities are to be deposited in the Government savings bank.

I have the honour, therefore, to request that you will be good enough, immediately a contract is entered into, to send me all the securities for the performance thereof, in order that I may deposit the proceeds of the said securities in the manner prescribed by the Order in Council above referred to.

J. M. COURTNEY, *D.M.F.*

Order in Council, May 2, 1893.—On a memorandum dated May 1, 1893, from the Minister of Finance submitting a report from his deputy respecting contractors' securities.

The Minister recommends, in accordance with the suggestion therein contained, that notice be immediately given to the Department of Finance by the department having control of the work, in case of the failure of contractors having a contract for the performance of work for the Government, and having security deposited with the Department of Finance.

The Committee submit the same for Your Excellency's approval, and advise that a copy of this Minute be forwarded to the Minister of each department for his information.

JOHN J. MCGEE, *C.P.C.*