
 APPENDIX No. 28.

 REPORT OF THE MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS ON THE
 DEEPENING OF THE CHANNEL BETWEEN
 MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

Ref. No. 73,068.

 HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL,
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 8th December, 1886.

SIR,—In compliance with the request contained in yours of the 9th June I beg to send you herewith a copy of our Chief Engineer's report on the deepening of the ship channel between Montreal and Quebec, for the fiscal year ended 30th June last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. D. WHITNEY,

Secretary.

ANTOINE GOMEIL, Esq.,
 Secretary, Department of Public Works,
 Ottawa.

 HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL,
 CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 8th December, 1886.

DEAR SIR,—In compliance with the request of the Secretary of Public Works, I beg to submit the following report upon the work of deepening the ship channel of the St. Lawrence between Montreal and Quebec, during the Government fiscal year ended 30th June, 1886.

The work in hand is the deepening of the ship channel to 27½ feet at low water instead of 25 feet, the present depth. The breadth of the deepened channel is being made the same as at present, that is 300 feet in the straight parts, with enlargements to about 450 feet at bends and other places where more room is needed.

At the opening of the fiscal year work was being carried on at various parts between Cap Charles and Montreal, with the Harbour Commissioners fleet of dredges and tenders, and operations were continued throughout the year, with exception of the necessary suspension during the winter.