

of the parties to fulfil the work, as being beyond their means, and the other abandoned by the person himself under a supposed misunderstanding of the view of the Trustees relative to his office. It is remarkable that, at the sitting of the Board, "not one tender was made for the section or sections to be macadamized." It was supposed by the Trustees that this arose from the apprehension of the people that they could not safely estimate the real value of such work, and, therefore, avoided the danger. It was then resolved on, as the season was fast advancing, that the macadamization of Lot Street should again be proceeded with on the same plan and mode of payment, namely, under superintendents of work by day laborers,—the stone, however, was purchased by the toise, and broken by the toise.

CONTRACT, No. I.

Although unsuccessful at the regular day appointed for the reception of tenders, yet afterwards tenders more reasonable began to be offered; and on the 24th June, Lawrence and Barber made the tender for sections 9 to 19, at 12s. 6d. per rod, which was considerably less than the tenders rejected at the meeting at the Humber. The tender was accepted, and the work is now well done.

The Trustees now uneasy at the advance of time without any tender for macadamizing the portion intended for this work, deemed it advisable to employ men at day's work, under overseers, to prepare this portion of the road for macadamizing from Doctor Phillip's house to Mr. Thomas Cooper's cottage.

CONTRACT, No. II.

John Belcher next tendered for the excavation of, and levelling the hill on the East side of the Humber, tender accepted, and the work well done.

CONTRACT, No. III.

Ebenezer Austin next tendered for the working of the hill East of Cooper's cottage, tender accepted, and work satisfactorily done.

CONTRACT, No. IV.

Leonard Wilcox and Henry Hamilton tendered for Sections 1 to 7, inclusive, at 15s. per rod, for 560 rods, and by subsequent arrangement with the Trustees, 22 rods at 25s., tenders accepted, and work done.

CONTRACT, No. V.

Marigold and Vanvolkenburg, on the 8th July, presented a tender for Macadamizing of the Sections before noticed, and the contract was entered into. In this contract the tender was for Macadamization in the usual way, as heretofore done on Yonge Street; but at the suggestion and recommendation of Mr. Gibson, it was proposed to those persons to do the work upon the plan of Mr. Telford, a celebrated Civil Engineer, in London, by whom it is recommended as greatly preferable to

the plan of Mr. Macadam. The Contractors were at first very unwilling to vary their tender. The Trustees, influenced by Mr. Gibson's reasoning, supported as it was, strongly, in Mr. Telford's book, urged the Contractors to try the work as being to them less expensive; and if, on trial, they found the change of terms disadvantageous, they would be at liberty to return to those of the original tender. Thus explained, the Contractors consented, leaving the rate of payment as it stood originally. At the first laying the stone it was done so unskillfully, that they were required to remove and re-place them under the direction of Mr. Gibson himself; with the aid of Mr. Bell, the Overseer, this was accordingly done and the work advanced, and is now finished on those Sections upon the plan of Mr. Telford. The Trustees have every hope that this portion of the road will be more permanent and firm, and require less repair than any portion of Macadamized road, and if it shall happily prove so, this great advantage will be obtained by the experiment that the work might be done for 20s. the rod less than by making the road of broken stone altogether; indeed it may be hoped that the saving of labour would in a short time, when this species of work would be more familiar to the persons employed, afford a much larger saving than here stated. The Contractors themselves have acknowledged that it would yield a saving of the twenty shillings; the granite paving stones are so rigid as to resist in many cases the force of the hammer altogether, and in Mr. Telford's plan those very stones are immediately ready, and in fact more fit for the work, as they are gathered off the surface of the land in the neighborhood. The expenditure incurred by the Trustees in the work of preparation, as far as it was advanced at the time of entering into this contract, being £58 14s. 8d. was allowed by these Contractors as so much to their credit, and so appears in the account. The Trustees hope that their attempting this experiment, will meet the approbation of your Excellency and the public at large.

CONTRACT, No. VI.

Friend Wilcox tendered for excavation and levelling of the hills East of the Mimico; his tender accepted and work well done, except the finishing of the side gutters, the hard frost having obstructed their completion. His bond for fulfilment is annexed.

Much inconvenience was felt, and some valuable time lost by the rise of the price of stone delivered for the work on the continuation from Colonel Givens' corner Westward;—during the last season the price being seven dollars per toise, now (about the 13th July) eight dollars was demanded. After some days the Trustees were obliged to comply or lose the fine season. A rise took place on the Eastern Road also, in some measure no doubt owing to the greater distance of carriage, the stone near the road being, of course, first drawn off.

CONTRACT, No. VII.

Wilson, Harburn and Co. entered into contract for the construction of five culverts. The Trustees hope these culverts will prove sufficient, although they have had reason to complain of the work done