

But I think I have already made out a sufficiently strong case in favor of my recommendation, and I trust it may meet with the approval of Government.

I enclose two outline tracings showing the Soundings in the respective sites; the position of Dock necessary to obtain specified depth of water on sill, and the extent of water surface to be reclaimed. These will be sufficient to explain the present communication, and I shall shortly have the honor of submitting further details mentioned at the commencement of this letter.

I would wish, however, to take the present opportunity of stating that I am far from sanguine as to any tender being received for the undertaking such as Government would feel inclined to entertain.

If I might venture to express an opinion it is that it will be found more economical to carry out the work as a Government measure.

No private Capitalists can be expected to embark in the undertaking, unless able to calculate upon a return of 10 p.c., whereas a return of 5 p.c. would be sufficient if under Government control.

Again—I would respectfully submit that from the nature of the work itself, being intended to meet future requirements, and to attract Shipping to the Province, more than to meet any existing commercial demands, it is a work coming within the scope of the Dominion or Provincial Government rather than within that of private capital and enterprise.

In conclusion it gives me pleasure to state that Mr. Bonwick has proved himself a valuable assistant in connection with the boring, and I desire to recommend him to your favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

THOS. A. BULKLEY,

*Chief Engineer to Government.*