Abstract from the minutes of the meeting of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners held the first day of the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

Moved by E. W. Sewell, Esq., seconded by William Ray, Esq., it is unanimously Resolved,—That the security to be given by Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co. be a cash deposit in the hands of the Commission of twenty thousand dollars, and two satisfactory personal securities, in accordance with the terms of the tenders invited or a cash deposit of forty thousand dollars.

It is also

Moved by R. R. Dobell, Esq., seconded by Joseph Shehyn, Esq., and unanim-

ously

Resolved,—That the report of Messrs. Kinipple & Morris on the supplementary tenders be now adopted, and as the tender of Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co. is recommended by the Engineers of the Commission, after having satisfied themselves, by a personal interview with them, of their ability to carry out satisfactorily the works of the proposed Graving Dock, and upon Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co. carrying cut the resolution adopted this day in reference to the question of security, the contract be awarded to the said Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co., and that the approval of the Government be obtained at the earliest possible date.

Certified.

(Signed)

A. H. VERRET, Secretary-Treasurer.

Harbour Commissioners' Office, Quebec, 22nd March, 1879.

MONTREAL, 8th June, 1878.

To A. Woods, Esq.,
President, Harbour Commissioners,
Quebec.

SIR,—After consideration, I beg to inform you that we have decided to accept the second proposition of your Commission on the question of personal security, and that we are prepared to deposit with the Banque Nationale, at Quebec, the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) as the security for the due fulfilment of the contract of the Graving Dock awarded to us on the 25th ultimo.

Hoping, therefore, that the Commission will lose no time in ordering their Notary

to prepare the said contract for our signature.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

A. CHARLEBOIS.

Certified.

(Signed)

A. H. VERRET,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Harbour Commissioners' Office, Quebec, 22nd March, 1879.

> DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OTTAWA, 8th June, 1878.

Sir,—I am directed by the Ministers of Public Works and of Marine and Fisheries to inform you that acting under the Act 38 Vic., chap. 56, they have had under consideration the Quebec Harbour Commissioners' recommendation that the contract for constructing the Graving Dock be entered into with Messrs. Charlebois, Shanly & Co. for the sum of \$402,984.