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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,

## CANADA,

## Оттаwa, Nov., 20th, 1876.

Sir,—I am directed by the Minister of Public Works to inform you that he is desirous of laying before Parliament at its next session, full information relative to the works connected with the enlargement of the canals between Lake Erie and the city of Montreal, as well as of those between the cities of Ottawa and Montreal.

You will therefore be pleased to take the necessary steps to prepare a report on these matters as early as other duties will permit, describing the progress made under the different contracts, together with a statement of what remains to be done in connection with them, and reporting the nature and extent of the works still to be let, also such information as will enable the various matters to be clearly and readily understood.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed)

Secretary.

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