

TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE
GRAND RIVER NAVIGATION COMPANY :

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg leave to make the following
Report on the state of the Works :—

At present they are in a fair condition, and better than they have been for many years.

The new Waste Wear erected at the head of Young's Island, proves of great benefit in raising the water of the Levels; no breaches having taken place during the Spring Freshets, which has permitted the Navigation to be opened on the 30th April.

The Locks and Dams and Embankments, are in as good condition as can be expected, from having been in use for 20 years. The Dams have been thoroughly repaired during the last year; the Locks, too, have been partly Planked anew, and will be wholly so during the Summer, which will not interrupt the Navigation.

I am satisfied that the expense of maintaining the Works during the present year, will be greatly reduced from former years. I would further remark, of the depth of water which was on the Blair Rapids for the first seven years, of the Company's Navigation, had been continued all along, the other parts upwards, in the state, the Dams now are, a certain Navigation of three feet deep might be relied on, even in the driest season, the cause of the decrease of water on the rapids, in my opinion has arisen from the deepening and widening of the Welland Canal Feeder, and the Dunnville Level having been lowered. By deepening these Rapids, say 10 or 12 inches, the Navigation would then be greatly improved throughout the whole line and resume its former depth.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. }
Brantford, May 1st, 1855. }