

OTTAWA, 19th October, 1881.

Deputy would like to see you as soon as convenient

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

H. J. BEEMER, Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

*COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 19th October, 1881.*

On a Report, dated 18th October, 1881, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, representing that by an Order in Council, dated the 24th of October, 1880, the contractors for the works embraced in Section 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement, comprising the construction of an Aqueduct for the purpose of carrying the canal over the Chipewewa River were permitted for reasons therein given to relinquish their contract. That the same Order authorized the re-letting of the work, tenders to be invited by circulars addressed to experienced competent contractors of means upon whom reliance could be placed, this measure being adopted on the advice of the Chief Engineer in order to the avoidance of the loss of time, and the cost which might be incurred should the work, by following the usual course, fall to men not qualified.

That in pursuance of said Order, circular letters were addressed to ten different contractors inviting them to tender for the completion of these works, and that in reply six tenders have been received. That for reasons stated in the report the Minister recommends that authority be given for the acceptance of the tender of Mr. H. J. Beemer and for the immediate prosecution of the work—the contract to be entered into with him being made as provided in the Order in Council of the 27th October, 1880, above cited, subject to the approval of Parliament.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval, the said tender of Mr. Beemer being the lowest.

Certified,

J. O. COTE, Clerk, P.C.

F. BRAUN, Secretary, Railways and Canals.

(Telegram.)

MONTREAL, October 27th, 1881.

Will be up to Ottawa to-night with deposit. Please have contract ready to sign to-morrow as I wish to commence work immediately.

H. J. BEEMER.

F. BRAUN, Secretary Railways and Canals.

OTTAWA, October 28th, 1881.

SIR,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 21st, 1881, informing me of the acceptance by the Department of my tender for the completion of the works embraced in section No. 27 of the Welland Canal enlargement, amounting to \$757,170, and calling upon me to deposit to the credit of the Receiver-General of Canada, the sum of \$38,000, representing the 5 per cent. security required for the completion of contract.

Please find enclosed a deposit receipt in duplicate and triplicate on the Exchange Bank of Canada, placing to the credit of the Receiver-General of Canada, the sum of \$38,000, representing the full amount of security demanded in your letter bearing date October 21st, 1881, for the completion of section 27 of Welland Canal enlargement.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. J. BEEMER.

F. BRAUN, Esq., Secretary Railways and Canals, Ottawa.