

Q. Are you in possession, also, of the tenders which were asked for in 1882 for dredging the harbour at Quebec?—A. Yes.

Q. Was there only one set of tenders?—A. I cannot remember exactly.

Q. I mean was there not only one set, but were there two tenders called for in 1882? Get your minute book for 1882.

Q. It was some time in May, 1882?—A. There was only a set of tenders to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. TARTE—You are mistaken. On the 31st of May I think you will find it?—A. There are two sets of tenders, one is for dredging, and the other is for closing the opening at the gas wharf.

*By Mr. Geoffrion:*

Q. What date were those tenders?—A. 5th July, 1882. That is the date the tenders were opened.

Q. What is the date the tenders were called for?

Mr. TARTE—I think it is some time in the month of May.

A. This is the date—31st May. Tenders to be called for the dredging of the dock basin.

*By Mr. Geoffrion:*

Q. Do you find in a minute book a resolution ordering the calling of tenders for the dredging of the dock basin?—A. Yes.

Q. Will you read the resolution?—A. “*Resolved*, That tenders be called for the dredging of our dock basin according to a schedule to be prepared by Mr. Pilkington, the Resident Engineer to this Commission.”

Q. Have you these schedules in your papers?—A. I am not sure, Sir.

Q. Well take in all schedules.—A. On the 7th June, 1882, tenders were invited for the work of enclosing the Princess Louise Embankment.

Q. Will you read that resolution?—A. “*Resolved*, That tenders be invited for the work of enclosing the end of the Princess Louise Embankment at the head of the wet dock, by close-piling, in accordance with the plan, specification and bill of quantities prepared by the Resident Engineer to this Commission and approved of at this meeting.”

Q. Do you find any resolution in the minutes, showing that the first tenders were accepted or acted upon in any way?—A. On page 357 of the minutes of 10th July, 1882, I find “*Resolved*, That—.”

Mr. TARTE—I think you are mistaken. I think that was on the 21st of June.

Q. I think you will find a motion made by Mr. McGreevy to the effect that these tenders should not be opened—the first set of tenders.

Mr. STUART—So far we have only got one set.

Mr. GEOFFRION—If we prove that, you will find that there is a second set.

WITNESS—I find the resolution here at page 350 of minute book No. 4:—“*Moved* by Hon. Mr. McGreevy, seconded by William Rae, Esq., and *Resolved*, That inasmuch as it appears on the recommendation of the Harbour Master to be advisable that a depth of water in basin and docks, new harbour works, be increased from 24 feet at low water to 26 feet, it be decided upon not to open the tenders for excavation, &c., on the 24-foot basis, but to advertize for tenders on the 26 feet line, and they be required to be sent in by noon on Tuesday, 4th July prox.”

*By Mr. Tarte:*

Q. Have you got the recommendation from the Harbour Master?—A. There is here a letter, No. 365. On the 21st June, 1882, page 349 of minute book No. 4, this appears: “*Read* a letter from Mr. F. Gourdeau, Harbour Master, recommending that the Commissioners take the opportunity of the new contract they are giving to add two feet to the depth of both tidal and wet docks.”

Q. Have you the letter itself?—A. I do not know until I look.

Q. Please look for it later?—A. Will you take a note of the number; it is No. 365 of the year 1882.