

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate,—A Return to an Address of the Senate, dated the 12th May, 1898, for a copy of each of the following documents relating to the reletting of contracts for the construction of sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Soulanges Canal:—

1. Copy of notice calling for tenders for the reletting of sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Soulanges Canal.

2. Copy of the specifications for the reletting of sections 4, 5, 6 and 7, Soulanges Canal.

3. Copy of the tender of J. M. Hogan.

4. Copy of the tender of Andrew Onderdonk.

5. Copy of the Order in Council or report of the Minister of Railways and Canals, or Chief Engineer of Railways and Canals, shortening the time for the completion of sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 from the end of October, 1899, to the end of October, 1898.

6. Minute or memorandum of the agreement or conversation had with Andrew Onderdonk, contractor for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Soulanges Canal by the Minister of Railways and Canals or Chief Engineer, between the dates 17th March, 1897, and 20th March, 1897, both days inclusive, or at a subsequent date to the effect that if J. M. Hogan, the lowest tenderer for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7, refused to sign the contract that A. Onderdonk would take it at the prices named in his (Onderdonk's) tender and agree to complete the work by the end of October, 1898.

7. Copy of letter or telegram to J. M. Hogan, between dates 17th March, 1897, and 22nd March, 1897, both days inclusive, notifying him that he was the lowest tenderer for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7.

8. Letter from J. M. Hogan to the Department of Railways and Canals between the dates 17th March, 1897, and 22nd March, 1897, both days inclusive, refusing to sign the contract for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 for which he was the lowest tenderer.

9. Copy of contract of A. Onderdonk for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7, Soulanges Canal.

10. Copy of the Order in Council cancelling the contract of Archibald Stewart for sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

11. Copy of Order in Council about reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

12. Copy of public advertisement or other printed notice calling for tenders for the reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

13. Copy of notice sent to Hugh Ryan asking him to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

14. Copy of notice sent to John Ryan asking him to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

15. Copy of notice sent to Allan R. McDonnell asking him to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

16. Copy of notice sent to W. J. Poupore asking him to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

17. Copy of notice sent to one Cleveland asking him to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

18. Copy of notice sent to M. P. Davis, or Wm. Davis & Sons, asking him or them to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

19. Copy of notices sent to other contractors asking them to tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

20. Copy of specification and form of tender for reletting of sections 1 and 2 Soulanges Canal.

21. Copies of all tenders *verbatim et literatim* for reletting sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

22. Copy *verbatim et literatim* of the contract of Ryan & Macdonell for sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal.

23. Copy of notice or information furnished to tenderers of sections 1 and 2, Soulanges Canal, as to the plant which tenderers would have the use of and the terms on which they would have such use.