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the more extended plan of works on the application of any chartered Company, it would be essential to withhold making over any control which they at present possess on the beach to low water mark, to private individuals or parties for mere rafting-grounds or lumber-coves. Already extensive Piers are occupying the shore, one of which, run out this summer, is seven hundred feet in length; and possession may thus be said to be virtually taken of this favorable locality.

At this stage of the project, to give details of construction would be premature; but the general features thereof may be properly alluded to. The outer dock-walls would have to be formed of massive masonry, both on their exterior and interior faces. The excavation, from the enclosed basin, being filled in between, forming a broad embankment, upon which ranges of warehouses might be carried up to any extent; the greater portion of this masonry, as also the Entrance Lock, would require close piling. The Lock would have to be of the largest class, or suitable for vessels of from 16 to 17 feet draught of water; the lift being at half-tide about 9 feet 6 inches. One or more graving Docks could be built, as needed for repairs of ships; and two large waste-weirs, of capacity sufficient to discharge the flood-waters of the Cap Rouge river, would also be essential. With a tide-gate at the entrance, the excavation within the Dock could be taken out from year to year, as the increasing number of ships resorting hither would demand ample space,—by which process, the outlay at the commencement might be considerably restricted.

Many other suggestions and improvements would naturally develop themselves on a more deliberate investigation of the projected work. At the present time, it is conceived, sufficient has been advanced for your consideration, and to meet the wishes and intentions of the gentleman whose application has given rise to this preliminary report.

(Signed)

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There was a subsequent report made, but of which I have not got a copy; but the substance of it is, that docks might be constructed with 17 feet water and containing 27 acres of surface,—also a graving dock, stores, &c., at the cost of £130,000.

I have a copy of the plan of the proposed works in my possession, and will be happy to show it to any person who may wish to see it.

Nothing farther, so far as I know, has been done in the matter.

The reason that prevented me from pressing the subject farther on the notice of the Government and the public, at that time, was, that the estimated cost came much higher than I expected, and the