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**THE LARGEST DOCK ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT.**

The Department of Public Works has recently had under consideration the tenders for the extension of the Lorne graving dock at Levis, opposite the city of Quebec, and it is now practically settled that the contract will go to Thomas Powers, of Levis, who is the lowest tenderer.

The departmental estimate of the cost of the proposed extension is \$117,000. The work to be done is of a very difficult character, consisting almost entirely of rock excavation. It is proposed to extend the dock from its present length of 445 feet, to 600 feet, which will then make it equal to the capacity of any vessel entering the St. Lawrence River.

The construction of the dock was originally commenced by the Harbour Commission of Quebec in 1873, and was assumed later by the Government, and completed in 1889. The present dimensions are as follows:—Length 445 feet, width at coping level 100 feet, width at bottom 73 feet, width at entrance 62 feet, depth of water on sill at high-water spring tides 26 1/2 feet, neap tides 20 1/2 feet. The cost was \$910,000.

It may be mentioned that the dock at Esquimaux, B. C., which was completed in 1888, at a cost of \$1,149,146, is 480 feet long and 90 feet wide. This dock is also the property of the Dominion Government. The Atlantic graving dock at Halifax, N. S., which was opened in September, 1899, was the first to be constructed on the Atlantic coast of Canada, and until the Lorne dock extension is completed will be the largest on the continent. It is 595 feet long and 102 feet wide, so that it will be beaten by the enlarged dock at Levis by five feet. The dock is controlled by the Halifax Graving Dock Company, but the promoters received a subsidy from the Imperial and Canadian Governments, and from the city of Halifax, thereby guaranteeing its construction.

The graving dock at Kingston, Ont., which is Federal property, was finished in November, 1891. It is 280 feet long and 79 feet wide, and cost \$461,097.

The Levis dock will be large enough to accommodate such ocean greyhounds as the Teutonic, which is 582 feet long, or the New York, which is 580 feet. It could not, however, accommodate the Oceanic which is 704 feet long.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned that in August, 1897, the United States Government had to send one of their men-of-war, the Indiana, to be docked at Halifax, as there was no dock large enough in the United States.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company was held in Montreal a few days ago. A dividend of 8 per cent. on the capital stock of the company was declared for the year ending August 31st, 1899. The company are increasing their capital by one million dollars. The output of the present mills will be largely increased, and new mills will be erected.



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