

work and the amounts received and expended in respect thereof, with such further information as may be requisite.

Tenders to be invited for works ; exception.

20. It shall be the duty of the Minister to invite tenders by public advertisement for the execution of all works, except in cases of pressing emergency, where delay would be injurious to the public interest, or where, from the nature of the work, it could be more expeditiously and economically executed by the officers and servants of the Department.

Security to be taken from contractors.

21. The Minister, in all cases or where any public work is being carried out by contract, shall take all reasonable care that good and sufficient security be given to and in the name of Her Majesty, for the due performance of the work, within the amount and time specified for its completion ; and also in all cases where it seems to the Minister not to be expedient to let such work to the lowest bidder, it shall be his duty to report the same and obtain the authority of the Governor previous to passing by such lowest tender ; but no sum of money shall be paid to the contractor on any contract, nor shall any work be commenced until the contract has been signed by all the parties therein named, nor until the requisite security shall have been given.

Provision when the lowest tender is not taken.

POWER TO TAKE LANDS, &C.

Power to make surveys, &c.

22. The Minister is hereby empowered to authorize the engineers, agents, servants and workmen employed by or under him to enter into and upon any ground to whomsoever belonging, and to survey and take levels of the same, and to make such borings or sink such trial pits as he deems necessary for any purpose relative to the works under his management.

Certain persons employed by the Department to have like powers as to surveys, as if they were licensed surveyors for the Province where they act for the Department.

23. The Minister may employ any Engineer, or any person duly licensed or empowered to act as a Surveyor for any Province in Canada, to make any survey, or establish any boundary, and furnish the plans and descriptions of any property acquired or to be acquired by Her Majesty for the use of Canada ; and such surveys, boundaries, plans and descriptions shall have the same effect as if the operations pertaining thereto or connected therewith, had been performed by a Land Surveyor duly licensed and sworn in and for the Province in which the property is situate ; and the boundaries of such properties may be permanently established by means of proper stone or iron monuments, planted by the Engineer or Surveyor so employed by the Minister, and shall be of the same effect to all intents and purposes as if such boundaries had been drawn and such monuments planted by a Land Surveyor duly licensed and sworn for the Province in which the property is situate ; and shall be held to be the true and unalterable boundaries of such property,—provided such boundary lines are so established and such