

little money or means, he may, nevertheless, turn out an excellent contractor. For, as the Government will keep an extensive store at the works of every article requisite for their expeditious prosecution, contractors can be supplied therefrom, if unable to supply themselves elsewhere; and it would be useless for them to seek elsewhere, as Government can supply them cheaper and better than they will find any where else in Canada.

“No contractor shall be allowed to contract for any work out of his line and profession. Thus, to a mason shall not be given a job of excavation, any more than to an excavator a piece of building or mason-work.

“The works of the Rideau Canal seem to divide themselves into the following great branches: building and finishing locks of heavy masonry, excavating earth and clay, excavating rock and gravel, constructing heavy dams across the Rideau of rough rubble masonry, framing aqueducts and bridges of wood, &c.

“Now any one of these branches is quite enough for any contractor to perform properly, and will absorb his utmost attention; and all contractors who prove, or have proved themselves capable to conduct the work they take in hand, ought to have as much of their own particular branch given them