

This question has also been the subject of a communication addressed, the 1st August, to your Department in reply to its letter of the 20th of the previous month.

Accommodation for landing coal on Louise Embankment.

It having been represented that it was of absolute necessity to provide for the landing of coals on the Louise Embankment, accomodation to that effect has been supplied, which has been found most beneficial, but the coals are not allowed to remain on the Embankment or to interfere with the traffic of the Railway.

Dredging of the Fly Bank Channel.

The dredging of the Fly Bank Channel, which was commenced in 1879, continued in 1880 and brought to a close during the month of September, the following year, has been resumed, this year, under the superintendence of Mr Claude Giguère, who has had command of the Lifting Barge all the time it was in use in the Harbour. The work was done by Messrs Larkin Connolly & Co, Contractors for the Harbour Works, and only commenced in October, the Commissioners having taken advantage, for ordering same, that they, the Contractors, were sending one of their Dredges for the purpose of digging clay in that channel, thus securing their services for such a work at a very low figure.

The quantity of material dredged, this		
year, amounts to.....	40,203	cubic yards
Which, added to the.....	13,866	" "
Previously dredged, gives a total of.....	54,069	" "

It is the intention of the Commissioners to continue the dredging of this channel, if possible, till its entire completion.

Cement.

The Council of the Quebec Board of Trade has submitted to the Commissioners a letter from Messrs T. A. Gauvreau & Co having reference to the advisability of using in the Harbour Works the cement manufactured by them. This question has been referred to the Chief Engineer, Mr Perley, whose opinion is clearly evinced in his Report which forms part of the accompanying annexures on the subject.