

**APPENDIX No. 3.—Extract of the General Report of the Minister of Public Works, 1867-1882, on the River Tay Canal.**

"The town of Perth, in 1834, was connected with the Rideau Lake by a canal constructed on the line of the River Tay, which flows from Perth and empties into the east end of the Rideau Lake, a distance of about 10 miles.

"This canal was built by the 'Tay Navigation Company,' which was incorporated by the Legislature of Upper Canada in 1831, by 1 William IV., c. 11; Local and Private Acts of Upper Canada.

"The works consisted of five separate Locks, lifting in all 28 feet; the levels of the different reaches being maintained on the same principle as on the Rideau Canal, by flat dams built across the river at different points, causing the flooding of a considerable amount of low lands.

"The total length of the Canal proper from Perth to Port Elmsley, where the level of the Rideau Lake is reached, being eight and a half miles.

"The locks were constructed of rubble masonry, faced with stone, 100 feet between quoins, and 20 feet in width, with four feet water on the sills.

"The Canal has long since been abandoned for any boat traffic, and hardly a vestige of the locks remains. The dams, however, with the exception of one, are still serving the purpose of keeping up sufficient water to run logs down. (See Sessional Papers, 1883, No. 10A, p. 837.)

**APPENDIX No. 4.—Extract of the Report of the Minister for Railways and Canals for 1882, respecting the re-construction of the River Tay Canal.**

"TAY CANAL. A survey has been carried out having in view the construction of a short Branch Canal to connect the Town of Perth and the extensive mineral interests now being developed, of which it is the centre, with the Rideau Canal; such connection formerly existed by means of a channel maintained by dams and locks, which have long fallen into disuse and decay, along the line of the River Tay, ending at Port Elmsley on Lake Rideau, a distance of about 10 miles. It has been decided to adopt a line of communication, starting from Beveredge's Bay on Lake Rideau, at which point a short cut in which two locks, the only ones to be constructed, will be built, giving access from the Lake to the River.

"At the point of junction with the River a dam will be formed, raising the River waters sufficiently to give with the deepening of the channel in certain places, a navigable depth up to Perth. Some of the more abrupt bends of the river will also be cut through, making the distance to be traversed about six miles." (Sessional Paper No. 8, of 1883, p. xxxiv.)

The Report of the Government Engineer in charge of the reconstruction of the River Tay Canal, is appended to the Report of the Department of Railways and Canals for 1882, as Appendix No. 6, p. 119. (See Sessional Papers, 1883, No. 8.)