(No. 16,641.)

OTTAWA, 9th October, 1872.

Memorandum.

The undersigned have the honor to report,

That by Order in Council of the 30th ult., the contract for the deepening of the Feeder of the Welland Canal was awarded to Messis. J. Cairns & Co., of St. Catherines, but that these parties being unable to procure the necessary plant, have declined to proceed with the works.

That the next lowest tender is that of Messrs. Henry W. Manning & Co., of Cookstown, whose offer to do the work, per cubic yard, when extended, amount to about one hundred and twenty six thousand, seven hundred dollars, (\$126,700).

He therefore recommends that the Tender of Messrs. Manning & Co., be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,)

H. L. LANGEVIN, Minister of Public Works.

(Copy of No. 16,643.)

OTTAWA, Oct., 9, 1872.

SIR.—With reference to your latter of the 23rd Sept., stating that there was an error in your tender for the Welland Canal Feeder, I have to state that no alteration could be permitted therein, and that it was therefore, at your request withdrawn.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

Mr. George Harvey, Goderich.