

only to such portion of the said bonus so remaining unpaid as may be in proportion to the duration of the service then really performed.

23. That it shall at all times be lawful for the Minister, acting as aforesaid, or his successors in office, to cause the boats or other water conveyances (whether belonging to Her Majesty's Government or to the Contractors or others,) or any or either of the same and their engines, boilers, machinery, &c., to be inspected by any officer whose orders must be obeyed at once by the Contractors, whether appointed by the Minister or by Her Majesty's Government, and, if he shall report the said boats or any of them to be dangerous or unsafe in any respect, the said boat or boats shall be immediately removed or repaired and made safe by the owners thereof, and in the meantime the Contractors shall provide other suitable means of carrying on the service. All buildings, land conveyances and plant, horses and oxen, shall be subject to the inspection of a Government Engineer, or of such officer as the Minister may appoint for that special purpose ; the orders of such Engineer or officer must at once be obeyed.

24. That, in any question or dispute, arising upon any covenant, stipulation or agreement herein contained, no reference shall be had or made to the original or other tender of the said Contractors, but the same and every advertisement, proposal, notice or other paper relating to the subject matter of this contract previous to the date hereof shall be deemed and taken to be wholly superseded by these presents.

And Her Majesty, represented as aforesaid, doth hereby promise and agree to and with the Contractors, their heirs executors, and administrators in manner following, that is to say :

That upon the due and faithful performance of all and singular the covenants, stipulations and agreements herein contained, and on the part of the said Contractors to be performed, the Minister and his successors in office shall pay, or cause to be paid to the Contractors, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, the said bonus or sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the said present season of navigation in six equal instalments of Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) each, on the first day of each of the months of June, July, August, September and October, and the second day of November of the present year (1874).

In witness, whereof, the said Minister acting as aforesaid, hath signed these presents, and caused the same to be sealed and to be countersigned by the Secretary of the Department of Public Works of Canada, and the said Contractors have also signed and sealed the same on the day, month, and year first above written.

Signed and sealed by the Contractors in the presence of JOHN KERR, by Wm. H. Carpenter, Charles McInnes, M. M. Thompson, George D. Dickson, by Wm. B. Wemp, and A. A. McCallum.

(Signed),
 WM. H. CARPENTER,
 WM. B. WEMP,
 A. A. MCCALLUM,
 CHARLES MCINNES,
 M. M. THOMPSON.

Signed and sealed by the said Minister and Secretary of Public Works, in the presence of W. A. FISSIAULT.

(Signed),
 A. MACKENZIE,
 F. BRAUN,
Secretary.