

The workmen, in every branch of the work, have been remarkable for their good conduct; only one man has been injured. I do believe that every one connected with the work has tried to do his duty; all the overseers of the working parties are young and active men, and have evinced a desire to advance the work. My assistant, Mr. McDougall, has done all in his power to aid me; by him many useful surveys and lines of level have been made. For myself, I can say that I have used every effort to bring to a successful completion, the important provincial enterprise of which I have the honour to be the Chief Engineer, and, should I continue to be your Engineer, I trust that the day is not distant when the waters of Chebucto Harbour will be united, by an Inland Navigation, to those of Cobequid Bay, as creditable to your enterprise as it will be valuable to the whole Province.

I am, &c , &c , servant,

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS, C.E.

Halifax, April 4th, 1855.