

ing with them, the Commissioners have come to the conclusion that, in the interest of the execution of the important contracts under their control, it was necessary to dispense with the services of their Chief Engineers, Messrs Kinipple and Morris.

By mutual consent an arrangement has been entered into, in August, by which the engagement of Messrs Kinipple and Morris has been cancelled, the Commissioners having paid them the sum of fifteen thousand and forty six dollars and thirty four cents—\$15,046.34—being the balance of their commission up to the date of the cancellation of their engagement. Through the same arrangement they have been retained as Consulting Engineers for a term of three years at a salary of one thousand dollars—\$1000—per annum.

The departure of Messrs Kinipple and Morris has necessitated the engagement of new Engineers. Mr Henry F. Perley, the Chief Engineer of the Public Works of Canada, has, at the request of the Commissioners, kindly consented to take charge of the Graving Dock, and Mr John Edward Boyd, one of the Engineers under Mr Perley, has, in compliance with a request addressed to the Hon: the Minister of Public Works, been appointed Engineer in Charge of the Harbour Works.

The office of Resident Engineer having been virtually abolished under the new arrangement it was found necessary to part with Mr Woodford Pilkington who will have completed, on the 1st June next, a term of seven years as Resident Engineer to the Commission. He has been notified that, on the last day of the month of May proximo, his connection with the Commissioners will be discontinued.

The Commissioners have decided to grant him a Certificate in which they will accognize his ability and his faithful and most competent services.

Graving Dock

On entering into duty as Engineer in charge of the Graving Dock Mr Perley made a thorough survey of all the works that has been executed. The enclosed copy of an elaborated report that he has addressed to the Commissioners on the situation will show you the real position of the works on the 17th November and what has to be done to complete the Dock. His report having been approved of by the Commissioners, the suggestion therein contained of shortening the Dock by thirty feet will be carried out. Its length will therefore be reduced to 519 feet, a length long enough to accommodate the largest steamer that frequents the Harbour, which measures 465 feet over all.