

From the proceedings of the Council, I have learned that Mr. Campbell was voted \$500. If this amount were spread over the whole work, each part would be entitled to an increase of one-fifth, and under those circumstances the estimate would stand thus:

Amount to which Mr. Campbell would be entitled for

work done at original contract price.....	\$1,599 67
Add 1-5th proportionate amount of increase.....	319 93

\$1,919 60

I may here say that the rate per cubic yard, at the increased price is about $11\frac{3}{4}$ cents, or exactly \$0.1176. I have only one other view to submit, viz.: that I am of opinion no man can earn decent wages at a lesser price per cubic yard for excavating the earth work on the east—carrying it down and across a drain of over 10 feet deep, in parts, and up the other, or west side, and forming a road with that material, for less than my original estimate of 20c. per cubic yard. Also, in all other parts of section No. 1, where the stuff is deposited on the East side of the drain, the digging or excavating and removing, I am of opinion is worth 15c per cubic yard. I am also of opinion that the 32 perches next the lake would cost as much as I estimated in my original estimate, viz., \$160. On this basis, I beg to submit the following estimate

32 perches near lake, for.....	\$ 160 00
7,300 cubic yards carried from East side of drain to west side, and formed into road, at 20c. per cubic yard.....	1,460 00
8,252 cubic yards deposited on east side of drain, at 15c....	1,237 80
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	\$2,857 80

The above I believe to be about what the work would fairly cost. About \$50, or say \$57.80 would yet be required in making the road what I intended it should be, leaving, according to my estimate \$2,800 as actual value of work done. I am aware that there are practical contractors in the Council, and I am confident that their figures will not differ much from mine.

In conclusion, I beg to say that it is much to be regretted that the work on this drain is stopped, for the present, as from a long practical experience of drainage work, I am convinced that if it were finished