

*Building for storing Coal Oil on Louise Embankment.*

In the last report, referring to an application made by Mr A. E. Vallerand, Coal Oil Merchant of this City, to be allowed to erect, on the Louise Embankment, a building for the purpose of storing coal oil, it is stated that only few details remain to be settled before closing with this gentleman. An agreement has since been concluded and Mr Vallerand has erected a vast and commodious fireproof building capable of storing three thousand barrels which can be conveyed by Railway to the store itself.

*Emigrant Building.*

A spacious structure, built in the most modern style and supplied with the best accommodations, has been erected, during the year, by the Dominion Government on the Louise Embankment for the purpose of receiving the emigrants booked for the west through the Canadian Pacific Railway.

*Extension of the Railway Tracks on Louise Embankment.*

On the recommendation of their Chief Engineer the Commissioners have decided to lay another track on the Louise Embankment between the edge of the Wall and the present southern track, in order to meet the requirements of the traffic, and also to lay a further line of rails "as a main line," to the southward of the existing railway, for the use of passengers, baggage, light freight, &c, and have, for that purpose, purchased 300 tons steel rails and 30 tons fish plates.

The laying of those new tracks is still unfinished, but will be completed early next spring.

*Dumping of dredged materials into the River St. Lawrence.*

The attention of the Quebec Board of Trade having been called to the action of the Commissioners who were allowing a portion of the dredged material from the Wet Dock to be dumped into the River St. Lawrence, the Council of this Board has addressed to Commander Maxwell, on Her Majesty's Survey, a letter praying him to give his opinion on the effect upon navigation, if such practice was continued without interruption for the following two or three seasons.

A copy of Commander Maxwell's reply to same has been addressed to the Commissioners and is annexed to this report as also a copy of the Harbour Master's Report on the subject, with the letter conveying same.