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TUESDAY EVENING. APRIL 13, 1880. Louis and Pacific Railway Company

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Work Condemned by a Competent Judge-Fearful Waste of Public Money!!

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THE QUEBEC DAILY TELEGRAPH.

AFTERNOON, APRIL 3 1880

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of work ever seen in this country (indeed
I may safely add) or in any other.
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Yours, truly.

E. W. SEWRLL-Levis, April 12, 1880.

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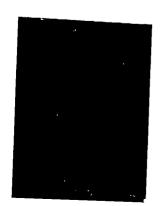
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### ... Official Statement

HARBOUR WORKS, BIVER ST. CHARLES

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Sm.—Haring been, authorized to reply to the statements contained in Mr. E. W. Sewell's letter, dited Lavis, April 12th, untrammelled by the ordinary routine of report, I have to state that the severe winter test to which the Harbour Works, on the River St. Charles, have been subjected for the past season; these in no way simaged the permanent works, and that not one yard of work, inside the last counterfort bounding used for shaping and filling in the concrete backing, has either eltered its shape or shewn the elightest sign of having cracked or changed its form'in any way.

A pile of stones, wintered purely for the contractors'—convenience at the unfinished end of the works in progress, having only a biglidge of dieedse material forming a temporary module or dam, has been forced overinto the channel dredged out last season by the hatture, where perhaps, 200 looes atones have now fallen in. This is the all-told damage the contractors appearerly will have sustained to the already secured good materny, in this severe climate, "with a concrete backing," Mr. Sewell states "thousands of public money have, been here wasted." I deliberately state in the progress of the condition of the works belog a practical inflictant of the utter futility of attempting to secure good masony in this severe climate, with a concrete backing," It fars perfect demonstration of the very reverse. It is one proof more if this were wanted that a good hydraulic cement concrete is a universal specific for every work involving any engineering difficulty, whether in the water or out of the water either in the foundation or in the superstructure.

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"Office of Harbour Commissioners, Quebec, Nov. 19, 1879.

"(To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.)

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"A. H. Venius, "Sect.-Treasurer.

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Falling in the above he tries again; "fall-succeeding fallure," a well known poet "destroy its web wherever you cin, creature's at list dirty work again." Mr. Sewell next says, "the Encers had made the great mistake forpopoling to build a second entrance cost-some \$24,000 to the Graving Dock." This is a no spoolmen of Mr. Sewell's style of adeginadum writing. Their specifications attest a Graving Dock with a second cast head or a circular head? both of which the plane show, the choice being it the authorities here, and an absolute was made at first of the second ensestrick ont of the present contract, and it was changed on a vote of the Board, to the alternative originally proposed y the engineers. But Mr. Sewell leaves the loc to suppose that a saving was effected \$24,000; a gross mistatement; the difference in cost is only about \$3 000, and one of tenders showed a difference only of \$2,000, and one Dennis O'Brien made the circular head devere by \$2,000. Where then is the saving ? ler head deeres of well the saving ?

This the Resident Engineer, so says Mr. Sewell, opposed in a most streamous manner.

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Why? I a order to knock a hole in it— Why? In order to uphold the contract against any effort to knock a hole in it—when the saving was so small as not to be worth anything as shown above. And why further? Because that was the way to lengthen the dock, with the least pessible trouble, 400 feet mare if required for short vessels, into which a 600 feet length of ship could have been docked had her draught of water permitted it, without making the pumping out of the length of an extra long deck a charge upon every small ship that required to go in. Where then is the great mistake? mistake?.

But what about the genina that coolly proposed to build a duck without a head to it at all. "I then suggested (says Mr. Sowell speaking of himself) that it would be most desirable not to finish the head," quite true he said so; but imagine my suppressed lughter, decapitate it in effect, take to the bare rock with their dissured formation and their land springs, capital idea, as clear as his bright notion of last season to pump the surface water through the arterial drains, when it would run off itself it allowed to do so. istake ?

ofr. Sewall received no seconder to his sug-Mr. Sewell received no seconder to his suggestions because the engineers were the responsible men, and when it came to a deciion between the two, the engineers or Mr.
Sewell, the Commissioners took the wise
course of holding every one to his contract
in the interest of their trust.

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W. propon Primieros,
Resident Engineer.

Resident Engineer.

Resident Engineer. April 16th, 1880.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1880.

### The Daily Telegraph

QUEBEC, FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1880. -

IN RE RIVER ST. CHARLES' WORKS.

To the Editor of the DAILY TELEGRAPH. Six.—Having treated of the masonry connected with the River St. Charles works in my last, I will now in the interest of the public draw attention to the woodwork connected therewith. Any person visiting these works at low tide, will perceive that the wood work upon which the stone wall has been built, extends some four feet above low tide mark, and that from the ballist wharf running west this wood work has a much greater batter than that portion of the wall, formed of stone thus giving a bulged appearance to the crib work, making it appear as if forced out by the pressure of the superstructure of atone and concrete,—why this unsightly and unpardonable state of things? It is an excruciatingly unmechanical looking job at the best, and is about the worst-feature which has as yet declared itself in these important works, for the following reasons, viz.: Firstly, it was a very great mistake to allow any portion of the crib-work to appear above low-water mark, from the fact that had it been kept immersed, it would have been rendered ingerishable, a very necessary qualification, when it is borne in mind that this crib-work is the very key of the whole structure, being nothing more or less than the foundation of the stone walf. There are two elements combining to destroy this work; exposure to the at mosphere, and a grinding or fraying of the timber by ice, which latter is very considerable, as may be seen by inspecting the work, when it will be seen, that the timber is already much broomed, and split. Then again, it is bad engineering to have so formed the foundation (for this immense mass of masonry) that its downward pressure is not in a linear or parallel direction with the face of the several tiers of tumber above low-tide mark. Again I ask, how comes this bung ling? The contractors, one and all, are gentlemen of the highest talent; our fellow-townsmen, the Messrs. Peters, are known as to so formed the face of the several tiers of tumber above low-tide more feel that Quebe has been most fortunate in procuring the

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to do so now; I again reiterate all I have stated with regard to the works, and strongly advise the public not to mind Morning Chronicle reporter's statements about matter they know nothing about. Go and see the works at low tide, do not mind Mr. Vincent Brown or any of those mind Mr. Vincent Brown or any of those who are only too anxious to hide matters, go and take an unprejudiced look at the work, run over in your mind what you have seen done by jack frost after a short four months of his slow, insidious, but sure work, then ask yourself where will these works be in five years. ? Referring to my last Mr. Editor my attention has been drawn to the tact that I have made it appear as if the whole Commission were anxious to prevent the doing away with concrete bocking; nothing was further from my thoughts as there are many gentlemen composing the Board in whom I have the greatest confidence and who I feel will act strictly in the interests of the work. the work.

Yours truly,
E. W. Sewki...

N.B.—Your communicant B. must be one of those bummers invariably made use of by a cortain class. He stultifys himself by telling us that "a few stones have been displaced," and in the next moment states that "not the slightest foundation exists for Mr. Sewell's charges," he has also been guilty of the luchete of casting aspersions anonymously.

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Your obedient servant,

WILLIS RUSSELL.

April 9, 1880.

#### ENGLISH STEAM DYE WORKS, No. 7 St. George St.

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