RETURN

To an Order of the House for a Return of all the papers and correspondence between the Government and Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Co., or any person in behalf of either, relating to the cancellation of the Contract for the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, on the 27th June, 1882.

WM. SMITHE,

Lands and Works Department,
17th January, 1884.

Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to the Resident Engineer.

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT,
VICTORIA, B. C., June 27th, 1882.

SIR,—I have decided to take possession of the Esquimalt Graving Dock works, plant and material, under the provision contained in the contract with Messrs F. B. McNamee & Co., with the intention of having construction immediately proceeded with, while the weather is favourable.

You will be good enough to proceed to Esquimalt, and take formal possession of the works, and make preparations for their expeditious completion, keeping me fully advised upon the subject.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

[TELEGRAM.]

VICTORIA, June 27th, 1882.

Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Co., Montreal:—

In consequence of delays in proceeding with Dock Contract, possession has been taken. Have also notified you by letter.

(Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Co., Montreal.

VICTORIA, B. C., 27th June, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to inform you that, owing to the stoppage of the works, and your continued delay in construction of the Esquimalt Graving Dock, I have decided to take formal possession of the works, under the terms of your contract, and to cause the same to be immediately proceeded with.

Instructions have been given to Mr. Bennett, the Resident Engineer, to assume possession of the partially constructed works, and of the plant and material, an inventory of which will will be taken as soon as possible.

In no event is it intended that you or your sureties shall be relieved of any of your liabilities consequent upon your breach of contract.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Messrs. F. B. McNamee & Co., Victoria.

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(Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Mr. John J. Austin to Messrs. McNamee & Co., Esquimalt, B. C.

LANDS AND WORKS OFFICE,
VICTORIA, B. C., July 7th, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to return the Bond, entered into by Messrs. Huntington & Nicholson, for the return of plans (tracings) of Graving Dock, Esquimalt, which have been handed into this Department (per Resident Engineer.)

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JNO. J. AUSTIN,
Clerk of Records.

[TELEGRAM.]

TORONTO, ONTARIO, July 29th, 1882.

Hon. R. Beaven, Premier :—

Member of firm will arrive in Victoria by steamer of tenth, to prosecute work vigorously

(Signed) F. B. MCNAMEE & Co.