A SATISFACTORY INTERVIEW.

SO THE DEPUTATION TO MONTREAL REPORT.—GENERAL MANAGER HAYS GIVES NO DECIDED ANSWERS.

At the meeting of the town fathers on Monday evening the deputation appointed to visit Montreal to interview General Manager Hays, presented their report. It read this way:

"In compliance with your order in council a deputation consisting of Mayor Chamberlain, Reeve Foreman, Messrs. T. Long, C. E. Stephens, and W. T. Toner, President of the Board of Trade, proceeded to Montreal on Wednesday to interview General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R. We were granted a lengthy interview with Mr. Hays, at which the several questions in connection with our harbor, such as its importance as a lake port, and its geographical position, being on the direct highway for the transit of produce from the east to the west and vice versa, were discussed. It was plainly shown by the use of Bayfield's chart that the port of Collingwood was the most way of access and better located than any other on the lake. Mr. Hays acknowledged that the position of Collingwood was such as to demand a large portion of the lake and rail trade, and that it would be the policy of the G. T. R. to try to divert the trade that has been going by other channels through ports on the Georgian Bay. He thought that our location was such that the town would be largely benefitted by such policy. Mr. Hayes also said that the G. T. R. had recently constructed at Portland, Me., an elevator of one and one quarter million bushels capacity which it would be necessary for them to keep supplied through ports on the upper lakes, and that our port would commend itself for a large share of this trade, and so soon as the harbor was placed in such a condition as to permit the entrance of cargoes the present elevator plant would be placed in active service with a larger capacity for the handling of grain. Mr. Hays promised to consider the trade to handle all the business offered.

We also pointed out to Mr. Hays the advantages of through passenger and package trade and he assured us that it was his intention to look fully into that matter at an early date and when we had the necessary depth of water the position of our harbor would command a large portion of the trade. We further explained to Mr. Hays that owing to the municipal council having expended large sums of money in harbor improvements and the construction of the dry dock which are of as much benefit to the G. T. R. as to the town, that the town was not in a position to grant any further monetary aid, (by way of bonus), but if additional buildings were contracted to increase the lake trade the council would be prepared to treat them leniently in the way of exemptions of municipal taxes.

Mr. Hays assured us that he personally was very pleased with the interview and the information presented, and also he would in the near future, pay Collingwood a visit. He would like to leave a decided answer after the contract was signed for the harbor work to enable him to take action. In connection therewith your deputation deemed it advisable to visit Ottawa to endeavor to have the matter settled. On our arrival in Ottawa we could not get an interview with the Hon. Minister of Public Works, the afternoon. In the meantime we interviewed Mr. Coste, the Government Engineer, and he gave us some valuable information and showed us the plan of the work which gave us a channel of from 300 to 450 feet in width and all of the inner harbor to a depth of 14 feet, thereby allowing the largest vessels to discharge on either side of the elevator, railway wharf and town wharf. The department considered the tender very low in comparison to the engineer's estimates, in fact much lower than the next tender, the contract, Mr. Coste assured him that one of the parties concerned had specific knowledge of the harbor that they would be able to carry out the contract. He expressed a wish that the town would assist the contractors as much as possible, as it was the intention of the Department to offer every assistance and recommend the Government to allow the town to bring in their plant free of duty. In the afternoon we had a short interview with the Hon. Minister of Public Works and the Mayor thanked him on behalf of the town for the very prompt manner in which the present Government have dealt with the improvements to our harbor and that they should an one placed in the estimates for a sum next year to carry on the work. The Hon. J. I. Tarte assured us that he was pleased to know that the effort was appreciated by the town, and if we had any suggestions to make now or at any other time he would be pleased to consider them. Mr. Tarte intends to pay Collingwood a visit as soon as possible after the present session of Parliament.

On our return to Toronto, Mr. White, District Freight Agent, met us by appointment and was pleased with the report of our interview with Mr. Hays. He informed us that it was his intention to do all he could to bring trade to Collingwood.

When the report was brought before the council Reeve Foreman endorsed it as follows:

"Your deputation take great pleasure in informing you that from information received from the Hon. Minister of Public Works, that the contract for the harbor works will carry for the sum of $144,000."

WORK AND WORRY.

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