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previous year. As regarded the break-water he might also say that so far as it had gone the contractors had given great satisfaction.

The SECRETARY (Mr. A. Fraser) read the following :

ANNUAL REPORT.

"The Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, in closing their labors for the past year, beg to submit the following Report :

"Messrs. A. J. Maxham and W. G. Wurtele having declined to serve as members of the Council, Messrs. Benson Bennett and Thomas H. Grant were elected at the quarterly meeting in May, to replace them.

"Postal communication was kept up fortnightly with Pictou and intermediate ports during the season of navigation by means of the Provincial steamship *Lady Head*. In view of the increased intercourse with the Lower Provinces since the line was established the Council deemed it advisable to suggest to the Government the propriety of restoring the weekly service.

"The tug-steamships *Queen Victoria* and *Napoleon III.* have been employed in towage and in the service of the Trinity House as usual.

"The bill for the inspection of fish and oil was referred to a special Committee, and some few alterations recommended by them have been brought under the notice of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. There are strong hopes that the measure will become law at the next session of Parliament.

"A bill to amend the Fisheries Act, also introduced by the Hon. Mr. Campbell, during the recent session, passed a second reading, and will be further considered on the re-assembling of the Legislature.

"The arrival in this city of the delegates from the Maritime Provinces afforded an opportunity for the expression of friendly feeling and for the interchange of opinions on the extension of intercolonial commerce of which the Council gladly availed themselves. They deemed it their duty to render to those gentlemen, in the name of the Board, a cordial welcome, and they beg gratefully to acknowledge the prompt co-operation which enabled them to carry out successfully the arrangements for the banquet at which the delegates were entertained.

"The Incorporation of Pilots abandoned their pretensions to an increased tariff which would have involved an additional tax upon shipping of about \$25,000 per annum, and the act relating to the Trinity House was amended so as to provide that persons desirous of becoming apprentice pilots shall pass their indentures with the Corporation and not with individual pilots as formerly; that the number of apprentices shall not in any year be less than thirty-six; and that vessels moving from one place to another within the harbor shall employ pilots.

"A communication was addressed to the Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping remonstrating against the heavy charges made by their officers here for survey and classification of new ships, but without success. The Bureau-Veritas of France has appointed a surveyor whose fees are about half those exacted by Lloyd's. A new field for the operations of Canadian ship-builders and lumber-merchants will probably soon be opened by the proposed relaxation of the Navigation laws of France in the direction of the removal of differential duties upon ships or upon goods in ships entering the ports of France, the abolition of tonnage due