

them if he were here. Mr. Joseph might know something of the matter, as he used to give an account of any progress made, in former years. He (the Chairman) thought the last step taken by the Commission was the correspondence in question.

Mr. JOSEPH—Yes.

Mr. SHAW—Are there any more break-waters to build?

The CHAIRMAN—If you desire it, there are.

Mr. SHAW—They are as desirable as ever.

The CHAIRMAN—There is a large amount of interest paid on the break-water, which arose mainly from the outlay on that work; the rest of the interest was necessitated by the absence of any revenue.

Mr. SHAW—Which will continue for many years to come.

Mr. JOSEPH said—Since ceasing to be a member of the Harbor Commission, I have no knowledge of what has been done towards the building of a dock; but I know that the break-water built is merely about one-third of the extent of the work projected at first. While I was a member of the Commission, it was decided that no more of the work should be built, and that the means that would be required to complete this break-water or new harbor, as it was called, should be expended in the making of a graving-dock. The plans were made, but not carried out, when I ceased to be President of the Board of Trade. Those plans were to be submitted to the Admiralty; and, of course, nothing could be done towards constructing a graving-dock till they were approved of. The correspondence might be yet going on; but a year ago the Commissioners were fully aware of the necessity of a graving-dock and are still.

The CHAIRMAN—The matter is much in the same state. The idea is not abandoned; but there is no immediate probability of action in the matter.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

On motion of Mr. O. Murphy, seconded by Mr. P. Garneau, Messrs. R. Brodie and J. H. Clint were appointed scrutineers to examine the ballot for the office-bearers for the ensuing year, and report the result.

The CHAIRMAN said, with regard to the election of a President, he had received a note from Mr. H. Fry, stating he would be absent from Quebec during next winter, and also a portion of the approaching summer; and, consequently, his re-election would prove inconvenient. He, therefore, requested Mr. Scott to state at this meeting that he did not seek re-election. He (the Chairman) trusted the Board would not release Mr. Fry from the duties of the office. He had made an excellent President, had advanced the

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