

In May the Council approved a memorial from the Harbour Commissioners to the Government, by adopting the following resolution :—

That it being of vital importance to the trade of the country that the projected harbour enlargement at this port be proceeded with at once, the Hon. Sir Donald Smith, as senior representative of this city in Parliament, be asked to confer with the other members from the city and its immediate neighbourhood, and secure their influence in support of the memorial of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, with a view to obtaining such legislation this session as will secure the early completion of the said works.

The prayer of the Harbour Commissioners' memorial was that the Government would arrange to advance the amount necessary at such rate of interest as may reimburse the Government under such favourable loan as the credit of the Dominion is able to secure.

At request of the Mayor this Board was represented on the delegation which waited upon the Premier, (Hon. J. J. C. Abbott), at Ottawa, on 26th June, anent Harbour Improvement and Flood Protection, when it was informed that a bill was before the House in reference to the harbour improvement of the city, and that he (the Premier) would see that an amendment to it was introduced for the purpose of enabling the Harbour Board to borrow the money which it deemed necessary. That legislation was duly passed, the Commissioners being empowered thereunder to effect a loan of one million dollars for harbour improvement, &c.

Since then a commencement of the improvement works has been made, and the Council hopes that they will be constantly pushed forward to completion. Sundry interesting particulars respecting the harbour and its improvement are contained in the following reports of the representatives of the Board and the Corn Exchange Association upon the Harbour Commission :—

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

To the President and Council of

MONTREAL, Jan. 10, 1892;

*The Montreal Board of Trade.*

GENTLEMEN,—In January last the approval of Government was given to the plan of harbour enlargement and protection from winter floods, prepared by the Harbour Engineer and the City Surveyor, and approved of by the Harbour Commissioners, the City Council and the Board of Trade, but the necessary understanding as to finances and methods of constructing the works, between the Government, the Harbour Commissioners and the City Council was not arrived at until July.

It was agreed upon in that understanding that the Harbour Commissioners and the City shall share the cost of such works as are of joint benefit according to