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2. The Minister further submits that the Commissioners urge that the new Basin is used by sea-going vessels which have traversed the improved deep-water channel between Quebec and Montreal, upon which large sums of money have been expended by the Trust, and that by this action the Harbour revenues are likely to be seriously affected.
3. The Minister represents that the matter having been referred for report to the Chief Engineer of Canals, who states to the effect, under date 12th January inst., that at the time of the passage of the Act cited (1855) the municipality was responsible for the expenditure incurred in deepening the channel of the river, and that the Government, about ten years later, assumed the debt in respect of Lake St. Peter, amounting to \$1,164,235; further, that the Harbour Commissioners have not in any way aided in the construction of the new Canal entrance and Basins, and that he is unable to see grounds for giving them control over the revenue which may arise therefrom.
4. The Chief Engineer suggests that the Commissioners should be allowed to retain the right of levying dues in respect of the old Lower Basin, but that the Government should retain full control of the new works and Basins, and of the revenue that may be derived from their use, and he advises that the rates should be levied by the Government on vessels loading or unloading in the new Basins, equal and similar to those levied by the Commissioners in respect of the old Basin.
5. The Minister concurs in the view taken by the Chief Engineer, and recommends that authority be given in accordance therewith.
6. The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

(Signed),

JOHN J. MCGEE,

Clerk, Privy Council.

RATES AND DUES TO BE LEVIED IN THE HARBOUR OF MONTREAL, UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE ACTS 40 VIC., CHAP. 53, AND 42 VIC. CHAP. 28.

On and after the 1st day of April, 1881:—

TONNAGE DUES

To be levied on all Vessels in the Harbour.

On Steamboats for each day of twenty-four hours, or part of a day they remain in the harbour, reckoned from the hour of their arrival to that of their departure.	1c. per ton register.
On all other Vessels, per day, as aforesaid.	½c. do

WHARFAGE DUES

To be levied on all Merchandise, Animals and things whatsoever landed or shipped in the Harbour.

All Goods, Wares and Merchandise, not elsewhere specified.	25c. per ton.
Hay, Straw, Pig and Scrap Iron, Pot and Pearl Ashes.	20c. do
Apples, Crates and their contents, Flour and Meal, Fish, Meats, Pitch, Potatoes, Tar, Horses, Neat Cattle, Sheep, Swine.	15c. do
Ballast, Clay, Fire Bricks, Gypsum, Lime, Marble, Phosphates, Sand, Salt.	10c. do
Coal and Coke, Grain and Seeds of all kinds.	7½c. do
Special—Bricks, 10c. per 1,000; Cordwood, 5c. per cord; Lumber, 10c. per 1,000 feet, board measure.	Free.

Bullion, Specie. Free.

On all Goods, Wares and Merchandise whatsoever, the quantity of which by weight, measurement or other mode of estimate provided for in the Tariff, cannot be conveniently ascertained, it shall be lawful for the Harbour Commissioners to levy a rate of ¼ of 1 per cent. on the value thereof.

Each entry shall pay not less than 5 cents.

All property landed on the wharves for re-shipment shall only pay one wharfage.

The Ton mentioned in the Tariff of Wharfage Dues shall be 2,000 lbs. weight, or forty cubic feet measurement, according to the Bill of Lading.

STANDARD FOR ESTIMATING WEIGHTS.

Ashes, Pot and Pearl.	3 brls to 1 ton.	Horses	2 to 1 ton.
Apples, Flour, Meal, Potatoes.	9 do	Neat Cattle.	3 do
Fish, Meats, Pitch, Tar.	7 do	Sheep	15 do
		Swine.	10 do

Certified,

(Signed)

H. D. WHITNEY,

Secretary.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,

OTTAWA, 1st April, 1881.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Tariff has been approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st day of April, 1881.

(Signed)

J. O. COTÉ,

Clerk, Privy Council.