

They should be compelled to take vessels through the improved channel, loaded down to its full capacity and the Harbor Commissioners should have control over them.

If the two bodies are united, one staff of officers would be sufficient, and a considerable saving thereby effected.

The Trinity House have no income, and are supplied with the money they require out of the general revenue of the Dominion. The Harbor Commissioners have a revenue equal to about \$120,000 per annum, which suffices to pay the interest on their bonds, the expenses of management, and also to meet the necessary expenditure for the improvement of the Port of Montreal.

The Government have assumed and paid the Bonds issued for the improvement of the dredged channel of navigation between the Harbors of Montreal and Quebec. The debt of the Harbor Trust arises strictly for works done within the Harbor of the City. Yet they expended the large sum of \$314,000 from the Harbor Revenue in the deepening of the Ship Channel, which, although claimed from the Government, has never been refunded to them, and is thus left a charge upon the Port of Montreal, which is unfair.

Herewith are enclosed copies of the By-laws in force regulating the Port of Montreal, The Harbor Trust is managed by five Commissioners, three of whom are appointed by the Government, viz :—

A. M. DeLisle, Esq., Chairman,
George Stephen, Esq.,
William Workman, Esq.,
Henry Starnes, Esq., Mayor of Montreal.
Thos. Rimmer, Esq., Pres. Board of Trade.

The two latter are *ex-officio* members of this Board. Their services are rendered without any remuneration.

PERMANENT STAFF.

	Salary.
W. W. Whitney, Secretary.....	\$2,400 00
A. M. Rudolph, Harbor Master	1,800 00
A. G. Nish, " Engineer.....	1,200 00
John Ferns, Wharfinger.....	1,000 00
John Smail, Asst. Wharfinger.....	600 00
J. Brackin, Messenger.....	240 00
J. T. Therien, Foreman.....	600 00
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	\$7,840 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WHITNEY,
Secretary.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

MONTREAL, 30th October, 1867.

DEAR SIR—The enclosed Memoranda have been submitted to the Members of the Harbor Trust, received their approval, and I am directed by the Chairman to transmit the same to you.

I am directed further to state, that you would doubtless obtain valuable information upon the same subject, by addressing the President of the Board of Trade, Thomas Rimmer, Esq.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed,)

W. W. WHITNEY,
Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. Mitchell,
Minister of Marine, &c., &c., Ottawa.