

*By Telegraph from St. John N.B., to Hon. Peter Mitchell.*

OTTAWA 5th May, 1873.

Add to petition favor of Canada Lloyds mailed in triplicate Hon. William Muirhead, Hon. John Robertson, William Munro, Hon. Jas. De Veber, Steeves, Hillyard and Rudderick, J. D. McDonald, David D. Robertson, R. J. Leonard, Thomas MacLelan, Thos. Edw. Mulledge, A. R. Ferguson, J. & A. McMillan, Edward Willis, R. G. Lunt, John Vassie, B. R. Lawrence, Berton Brothers, Thomas B. Buxton, Nevins, Fraser & Co.

(Signed),

ROBERT MARSHALL

OTTAWA, 10th May, 1873.

The undersigned has the honor to report to Council that he has had brought under his notice the Bill introduced into the Imperial Parliament by Mr. Plimsoll, M. P. and others, the provisions of which will affect detrimentally, and in his opinion unfairly, the seagoing shipping of Canada. The Boards of Trade, both in St. John and Halifax, and the commercial men as well as the Parliamentary representatives of the Maritime Provinces have remonstrated against the proposed legislation above alluded to; and he, therefore, recommends that Her Majesty's Government be communicated with by cable telegraph forthwith, and that they be respectfully requested to urge upon Parliament the exemption of Canadian Shipping from the operation of said Bill, or at least to suspend the progress of it until the Canadian Government can be heard and their interests duly represented.

A copy of the memorial from the St. John Board of Trade is annexed.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

P. MITCHELL,

*Minister of Marine and Fisheries.*

OTTAWA, 14th May, 1873.

The undersigned has had referred to him for report by the Honorable the Privy Council of Canada, the annexed Petition of the St. John N.B., Board of Trade in relation to a Bill now under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, entitled: "A Bill to provide for the survey of certain shipping and to prevent overloading," upon which he begs to make the following report.

In the said Petition the said St. John Board of Trade allege as follows :

"1st. Whereas by the proposed legislation in the British House of Commons by Mr. Plimsoll's Bill, it is feared by this Board that undue discrimination may be made in favor of iron ships, and of Lloyd's Registry; therefore resolved, that the Dominion Government be asked to use its influence to prevent any discrimination being made to the injury of our shipping interests, as is feared may be done by this Bill, or by other measures that may be proposed, with a due regard being had at the same time to the security of life.

"2nd. Whereas, Mr. Plimsoll's Bill for the survey of shipping will, if enacted, deprive the Provinces of the benefit hitherto enjoyed from classification in Bureau Veritas; and if passed, will be most disastrous to the shipping property under the classification; and

"Whereas, the said Bill discriminates against wooden ships and in favor of Iron."

The undersigned has also had referred to him the annexed extract from the minutes of a special meeting of the Halifax, N. S., Chamber of Commerce, with resolution embodied therein upon the same subject.