

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The annexed report (marked C) from the Harbour Master, Mr. James C. Sullivan, gives information regarding the opening and closing of navigation, formation of ice, disposal of ballast, etc. The Commissioners are again able to record that, during the past season no ballast from vessels has been allowed to be dumped into the Harbour, all of it having been utilized in the Commissioners' property.

At Saint Thomas, where there is still a considerable discharge of ballast, Commissioners employ the Harbour Master of that place to see that the regulations for the discharge of this ballast are strictly carried out, and that it is dumped into such selected places as will render it the least likely to wash into the channel way and form banks or other hindrances to navigation.

In the revision and codification that is now being made of the Commissioners' laws, the same power as to ballast is being asked for the Port of Quebec as now applies to the Harbour, that is, to totally prevent its discharge into the river when it is considered necessary.

PREMISES LEASED

No changes of any importance have taken place in this item during the past year, except that East India Wharf, formerly occupied by Messrs. G. M. Webster & Co., and two large stores on it that had been occupied by Messrs. Verret, Stewart & Co., for the last forty years or more, remained unlet. Messrs. G. M. Webster & Co. did not require this wharf, and Messrs. Verret, Stewart & Co. surrendered their stores through the retirement of Mr. B. Verret from business.

The wharf and the river frontage to it were utilized by the Commissioners during the season to construct the cribs for the improvements that are being made along the river front.

Store No. 11, formerly occupied by Mr. Geo. Tanguay, was leased to Mr. W. Carrier.