

A further objection to the extension of wharves in 24 feet depth of water in this direction is the impossibility of handling a vessel with such a draft of water, and in the face of such a current; I would therefore propose to the Commissioners, that the accommodation for the local craft be extended by the construction of a wharf or breast wharves, from Molson's to the Longueuil Ferry wharf, a distance of 2800 feet, which would be a great relief to the other portions of the Harbour. Objections may be raised to this on account of the distance from the centre of the City; but the public must be accustomed to the fact sooner or later, that they cannot all be accommodated under the shadow of the Custom House, but must go either east or west, and I have selected this portion of the Harbour, as it can be done cheaper and quicker than elsewhere. And further, the matter has been pressed upon us by the action of the new City Gas Company, who have erected extensive establishments here, and require wharf accommodation; I would therefore recommend that a contract for, say 1000 feet, be given out this winter, but beginning at the lower end of the work, so as to accommodate the Gas Company, as they will require this to land their coal for next season. As aforesaid, the whole distance is 2800 feet, and the cost for same would be about \$100,000, which could be divided over a couple of seasons. The concluding portion of the resolution on the Lake and River survey directs me to report on the cost of adapting the Harbour for the increased size of vessels, which may be expected to visit the port, when the proposed improvement of the channel is completed.

Of course the Commissioners are aware that the whole of the works that have been constructed in the Harbour for the last 15 years, have all been in reference to a 20 foot depth of water, and the cribs constructed to that depth, while the older structures have been placed in 8 or 10 feet for the local trade; but it does not follow