

be prudent to incur. On the subject of Docks, in the course of the discussions which have taken place, a third project was started, indicating a site on the city side of the Lachine Canal, which was considered more easy of access for the business of the city than either Hochelaga Bay or Point St. Charles.

As this site seemed likely to unite conflicting opinions, and found favor to a great extent among the citizens, the Harbour Commissioners invited the proposers of it to a conference, at which several of the citizens were present, and at which the following resolution was agreed to :—" That the following Committee, viz., Wm. Workman, John Redpath, Henry Bulmer, Wm. Parkyns, John Ostell, A. M. Delisle, and Thomas Ryan, be empowered to select an engineer to survey and take the levels of the ground lying between the present Harbour and the north bank of the Lachine Canal and St. Joseph Street, or such part thereof as the Committee may determine on, in order that such levels may be laid by them as soon as possible before a chief engineer or engineers, to be named by said Committee and approved of by the Harbour Commissioners, which engineer or engineers shall ascertain what facilities are afforded on the north or city side of the Lachine Canal for the construction of Docks and Warehouses, and the expense thereof, and shall also confer with the Harbour Commissioners, and the said Committee, as to the extent to which the present Harbour can be improved, and the expense thereof, and shall report upon the whole subject."

In pursuance of this resolution, your name was suggested by the Committee, and was approved of by the Harbour Commissioners, and you will accordingly undertake the duties prescribed in the resolution.

These, you will perceive, are twofold,—

1st, To examine and report upon the site which for convenience we will call the "Central" site for Docks ;

2d, To confer with the Harbour Commissioners and the Committee, and report on the subject of Harbour improvement.

Commencing with the question of Harbour improvement, we beg to hand you sundry reports, plans, estimates, soundings, &c.,

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