

torpedo-boat of no less than 35 metres in length. Readers will better judge of what this means when I add that the length of our longest luggage railway truck would probably not exceed $8\frac{1}{2}$ metres. It is only a modest beginning, but who is to say that the day may not yet come when ironclads blockaded in one harbor, say, shall be run over the metals to another part of the country and launched again on their native element?"—*English paper.*

CHIGNECTO SHIP RAILWAY.

"This project should not be lost sight of; it should be vigorously advocated by our people for the purpose of making our city a mart for maritime trade between the Gulf ports on the one side, and the United States and the West Indies on the other. The ablest and most farsighted commercial men our city has possessed in the past never doubted that the construction of the Baie Verte Canal would give an enormous impetus to the trade and business of this city. A glance at the map is sufficient to show any one that a short cut for vessels over this Isthmus would virtually make the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy one continuous sea, and open to us vast possibilities in trade and shipping from which we are now debarred."—*St. John Telegraph.*

"POEVER, KNUTSFORD, July 24, 1883.

"DEAR SIR,—I enclose you list of steamers and sailing ships lifted at the Malta Hydraulic Dock, from 1876 to 1883, with cargoes. In no single instance has there been the slightest accident or injury to any of the vessels, or complaint from owners or captains. In my opinion, any number of ships can be lifted with cargoes without any injury whatever to them.

"I remain, yours truly,

"J. P. EMMERSON."

ANGLO MALTESE HYDRAULIC DOCK.—LIST OF VESSELS DOCKED WITH CARGO OR BALLAST.

NAME.	GROSS TONNAGE.	CARGO (TONS).	TOTAL DEAD W'GHT.
Isa Craig, Steamer.	1100	180	1419
Alice Otto, do.	1267	700	2255
Egbert, do.	1717	1600	3314
Volmer, do.	1531	1200	2645
Magdala, do.	2134	1700	3236
Hytton Castle, do.	1258	250	1823
Burmese, do.	1951	150	1961
Arabeen, do.	2066	180	2917
Silistria, do.	1019	150	1168
Good Hope, do.	1555	1500	2984
J. W. Barber, do.	1443	1140	2580
Crimdon, do.	1710	1334	3044
Compton, do.	1804	1008	2878
Telephone, do.	1249	400	1697
Vortegern, do.	1362	420	2069
Cephalonia, do.	1200	120	1425
Tom Martin, do.	1400	1370	2511
Florence Richards, do.	1051	1500	2551
Cædum, do.	1271	850	2121
Eastminster, Ship.	1208		1418