

for the prompt attention given to the request. The Water Police, under the charge of their able Chief, Capt. R. H. Russell, are a respectable and efficient body of men, and did good service during the winter.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Your Council made an effort, through the Local Government, to induce the Railway Commissioners to open an office in Quebec, where plans and specifications might be seen, and your Council are happy to say an office has been recently opened for that purpose.

WEIGHING SALT.

The Montreal Board of Trade addressed a communication to your Council, calling their attention to the inconvenience suffered by the trade in weighing and delivering salt, ex-ship, and requesting co-operation with them to devise a remedy. If parties engaged in the trade are of opinion the present mode can be improved upon, the Council will be happy to assist in effecting a change.

HARBOR COMMISSION.

By an amended Act passed during the last session of Parliament, the Board of Trade has been deprived of its representation at the Harbor Commission, and therefore your Council are unable to lay before you the annual statement of accounts of that Trust. Your Council understand, however, that the bondholders are negotiating with the Government for relief.

QUEBEC AND GOSFORD RAILWAY.

This enterprise, your Council are glad to learn, is likely to succeed. A large portion of the stock has been subscribed, and the aid which the Government proposes to give will no doubt contribute to its success. Its construction will be of great benefit to Quebec, in giving its citizens cheap fire-wood, affording additional employment to its working population, and opening up a new country.

TIMBER LICENSES.

The regulations of the Local Government relating to the granting of Timber Licenses, the establishment of ground rents and bonuses, and the tariff of fees on timber, logs, staves, &c., having been condemned by the trade, your Council, in conjunction with the Boards of Trade of Ottawa and Montreal, and the lumber merchants of Three Rivers, remonstrated with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, who made several modifications of the original regulations.

INVESTIGATION INTO SHIPWRECKS.

At the request of the Council, the Harbor Master is now holding an inquiry into the wreck of the brig *Victoire*, and all the circumstances connected with her, at the Trinity House. This vessel sailed late in November