

the matter referred to them, which report your Committee submit herewith for the consideration of the Common Council.

Your Committee approve the terms and arrangements proposed, on the basis of which it is suggested, that upon a Harbour Commission being organized, the City rights in the harbour properties should be transferred to the Commission.

Your Committee recommend that the Board adopt the report, and the recommendations of the sub-Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

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TO THE HARBOUR COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Sub-Committee appointed under resolution adopted in Common Council on the third day of June last, to confer with a Committee of the Board of Trade on the subject of organizing a Harbour Commission, and report thereon to the Harbour Committee, submit the following report :

Your Committee have had several meetings with the Committee of the Board of Trade, and after careful consideration of the whole subject are of opinion, that it will be for the best interests of the City of Saint John, that the whole management of the port and harbour of Saint John, shall be vested in a Board of Commissioners.

The principal reasons that have influenced your Committee in arriving at the opinion that a harbour commission is desirable are :

1. That extensive and costly improvements are absolutely required in the harbour to provide for the due accommodation of the shipping at the port of Saint John—improvements that will involve an expenditure far beyond the means of this City Corporation.

2. That under a Commission organized as is proposed, and consisting of a Board appointed by the Dominion Government, the