

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

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Secretary-Treasurer,

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Quebec

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report with reference to the Harbour of Quebec, for 1898.

An ice-bridge formed in front of the City on the 22nd of January, caused by a jam of floating ice between Saint-Joseph de Lévis and the Saint-Charles' River ; it broke up and the river cleared, on the 10th of April.

The ice, in the Wet Dock and the Tidal Basin broke up, on the 12th of April.

The ice, in the Saint-Charles' River and North Channel, broke up and cleared, on the 15th of April.

The first sailing vessel arrived from the Lower Saint-Lawrence, on the 12th of April.

The first passenger steamer, the "Canada", from Montreal, arrived on the 19th of April.

The first ocean steamer, the "Scotsman", with passengers and freight, arrived in Port, on the 28th of April.

The first Ocean Mail steamer, the "Lake Ontario", arrived in Port on the 28th of April.

The first sailing vessel from sea was Bktine "Maggie", with a cargo of sugar ; she arrived in port, on the 16th of May.

The buoys marking the Fly-Bank Channel were placed on the 13th of May.