

*Inclosure 1 in No. 1.*

*Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 15th day of May, 1873.*

The Committee have had under consideration the Report dated 14th May, 1873, from the Honorable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (annexed), on a Petition from the Board of Trade of St. John, New Brunswick, in relation to a Bill now under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, entitled, "A Bill to provide for the Survey of certain Shipping, and to prevent Overloading;" and they respectfully submit their concurrence in the said Report, and advise that a copy thereof be transmitted by your Excellency for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

Certified.

(Signed),

W. A. HIMSWORTH.

*Clerk, Privy Council, Canada.*

*Report to Council, dated 14th February, 1874.*

OTTAWA, 14th February, 1874.

The undersigned has the honor to report to Council that he has had under consideration circular despatch from the Earl of Kimberley of the 3rd December last, transmitting copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, enclosing a copy of the "Merchants Shipping Act, 1873" and of the instructions issued by that Department to Registrars and other officers in the British possessions abroad, and requesting with reference to the 12th and 13th Sections relating to the survey of unseaworthy ships, that steps might be taken for the passage of a law giving similar power to the proper authority in Canada to that which is by the sections referred to, given to the Board of Trade.

The undersigned has the honor to report that previous to the passing of the Imperial "Merchant Shipping Act, 1873," the Parliament of Canada had made provision for the cases referred to in Sections 26 to 29 inclusive, of the Act passed at last Session of Parliament, relating to shipping and for the registration, inspection and classification thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

A. J. SMITH,

*Minister of Marine and Fisheries*

OTTAWA, March 18th, 1874.

The undersigned has the honor to report to Council that he has had under consideration the petition of the Dominion Board of Trade addressed to His Excellency the Governor General on the 12th instant, praying that in view of the fact that legislation will be proposed in the Parliament of Great Britain in reference to the inspection of shipping, such measures may be adopted as are necessary to prevent such legislation from prejudicially affecting the tonnage of the Dominion of Canada; and he recommends that a copy of the petition be forwarded through the usual channel to Her Majesty's Government with the request that the prayer of the Petitioners may be complied with, and legislation in any degree detrimental to the shipping of the Dominion of Canada may not be enacted by the Parliament of Great Britain until reference has been made to the Government of Canada for its opinion thereon.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

A. J. SMITH,

*Minister of Marine and Fisheries.*