the Harbour Commissioners had consented to the plan which is now admitted to be the worst and which has been abandoned because it was so objectionable. The Government adopted that plan and did not ask the Harbour Commissioners' opinion upon it at all, but whether or not it would have been carried out is a question on which there may be differences of opinion. The Harbour Commission never adopted the plan for they were never asked to pronounce upon it, but they did not, as I think they should have done, enter their protest against it.

One other point I would like to refer to, is the booming of ships off the Embankment. We know that between Ports, as between individuals, there is always more or less rivalry. If accommodation is to be found for vessels at the Louise Embankment only by booming them off, I say that the men interested in the rival port will not be slow to point out the additional expense to merchants by their vessels having to throw their cargoes from slings for a distance of 40 to 60 feet, as compared with that of vessels laying alongside the quay. Of course in the one case it is Quebec —in the other Montreal, and it is unfortunately too often believed that anything is good enough for Quebec. Harbour Improvements or anything else.—It is for Quebec, and not only must it be second hand but a lifetime has to be passed over before it is brought to a completion. Vigilance, a good authority tells us, is the price of liberty. Quebecers would do well to remember that it is also the price of material and moral advancement.

Mr Owen Murphy. Assuming with this sewerage wall which is involved in this plan will you convey to us any idea of the approximate or probable time when these these works will be brought to a close under these plans or if the present generation will see their completion ?