

might be arrived at between these several interests. The conference was held and a wide difference of opinion between some of the representatives was revealed in discussion. The conclusion was, however, most satisfactory, the following memorandum being concurred in by all present :—

That legislation for the control of the live stock shipment trade is desirable and that such should be on the lines of the present Port Warden Act for Montreal or be an extension thereof, and provide as follows : (1) For the appointment by the Council of the Board of Trade of a board of examiners on which shall be represented the live stock export interest, the shipping interest and the marine underwriting interest ; (2) For the appointment by the Government of an inspector from among such able and fit persons as might, after examination by the board of examiners, be nominated for the office by the Council of the Board of Trade, such inspector to be independent of any other office. The cost of the office to be borne by the Government and not be a charge upon the trade. (3) For the adoption by the Government of such rules and regulations for the guidance of the inspector as may be recommended by the board of examiners and approved by the Council of the Board of Trade.

This memorandum was also approved and adopted by the Committee of Management of the Corn Exchange Association.

As these recommendations coincided with the Council's views previously expressed, a memorial based upon it was addressed by the Council to the Minister of Marine.

HOSPITAL AND POLICE DUES LEVIED UPON SHIPPING.

The Council has joined the Harbour Commissioners and the Shipping Interest in urging the Government to promote legislation for the abolition of the Police and Hospital Dues upon tonnage, giving as reasons that such abolition would rid Canadian craft of a discriminating tax at home and from the retaliatory tax levied in the United States,—that it would be an important step towards making Canadian ports free for shipping, and that it would aid the efforts now being made in Britain to procure the abolition of Light Dues there for which a tonnage tax on shipping is presently imposed.

PORT WARDEN REGULATIONS FOR LOADING GRAIN AT THIS PORT.

During the past season of navigation the question was raised as to whether the grain loading regulations of this port might not be modified, as the expense involved by them was said to be in excess of similar