

attend to the matter. The delay and expense involved at present in a voyage to Great Britain are very onerous to our sea-faring men, and it is, therefore, hoped the Imperial Board of Trade will enact a law recognizing Colonial certificates.

CORPORATION OF PILOTS.

Your Council have repeatedly brought under the notice of the Federal authorities the inefficiency of this Corporation as at present worked, but without leading to any satisfactory change. Several complaints have been made during the year, which were brought under the notice of the Minister of Marine and the Trinity House.

POST OFFICE.

The want of a good Post Office is severely felt in Quebec, and your Council have again this year, for the fifth or sixth time, petitioned the Government to erect a Post Office, and thus fulfil the promise made some years ago. Your Council trust that the city representatives will not fail to urge upon the Government the necessity of meeting in the estimates of next session a sum sufficient to build a new Post Office for Quebec.

BRIDGE ON THE OTTAWA.

A bill having been introduced into the Legislative Assembly, intended to authorize the construction of a railway bridge over the Ottawa River, the Council petitioned Parliament that in granting power to construct such a bridge, care should be taken that it should be so erected as not to interfere with the free navigation of the river.

STEVEDORES' BILL.

A number of the stevedores of this city applied to Parliament for an act to incorporate them into a Benevolent Society, apparently for objects of charity, but really, as your Council believed, to regulate the rate of wages, and control the free individual action of the men. Your Council being convinced that such a measure would prove injurious, not only to the trade of the port, but to the welfare of the men, addressed a petition to the Legislative Assembly against it, and sent a deputation composed of the President, Secretary, and Jas. G. Ross, Esq., to oppose it before the Private Bill Committee, where the Board will be glad to hear it was thrown out, similar corporations having proved themselves to be injurious to the trade of the port.

THE WATER POLICE.

Early last fall a petition was addressed to the Lieut.-Governor in Council, praying His Excellency to employ the Water Police during the winter months for the preservation of the peace, the protection of property and the apprehending of offenders. The prayer of your Council was granted, and they are much indebted to His Excellency and the Hon. Premier,