

etc., should be extended so as to afford parties desirous of applying full opportunity of doing so :—

That, in the opinion of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, it is expedient that the Montreal Harbour Commissioners should arrange terms with one or more of the commercial or railroad companies who may apply for space in the Harbour of Montreal for the erection of elevators or freight sheds, and that the Council trusts that the Commissioners will see that such clauses are inserted in the agreements with said companies as will safeguard the interests of this port and of the Dominion generally.

The Commissioners, however, did not extend the time, and the only specific application received by them was from the Conners' syndicate.

On December 13 the Council considered a draft agreement between the Harbour Commissioners and the Conners' syndicate which had been communicated by Mr. Crathern, the Board's representative on the Commission, who attended its consideration at a special meeting held December 15, when, after making some verbal suggestions for Mr. Crathern's information, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution for communication to the Harbour Commissioners and to Mr. Crathern :—

Resolved,—That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade approves of the Harbour Commissioners affording every reasonable facility to the Conners' syndicate for the erection of elevators and warehouses in the harbour, provided that, in any contract that may be entered into between those parties, the interests of the harbour of Montreal be carefully safeguarded, and that no monopoly be created in favour of the said syndicate.

Since then the contract between the Commissioners and the Conners' syndicate has been signed, copy as follows, and it is understood that the construction of the elevators and warehouses therein provided for will be commenced forthwith :—

DEED OF ALLOTMENT AND AGREEMENT between the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal and William James Conners, Esq., *et al.*

On this ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, before me, CHARLES CUSHING, the undersigned Notary Public for the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, residing and practising in the City of Montreal, personally came and appeared THE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL, herein acting and represented by Robert Mackay, President, and David Seath, Secretary of said Harbour Commissioners, under and in virtue of resolutions of the said Harbour Commissioners passed on the second and ninth days of January, instant; certified copies whereof are hereunto annexed and signed by the parties hereto *ne varietur*, hereinafter called the "Commissioners," and WILLIAM JAMES CONNERS, of the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, Contractor, HONORABLE RICHARD HARCOURT, of Welland, in