

Slide Bridges in their track which from an estimate will not probably exceed £2500.

3rd. To recommend the Government or those in charge of the Rideau Canal, to place a sufficient number of Steamboats on the route, to establish a daily line from Montreal to Kingston of place of a towing path, or otherwise to pass a Law compelling any Company, who may establish a line of Steamboats on the route, to tow every craft, that may offer in their regular turn, at a given price, not exceeding the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings for any Boat with not exceeding ten tons, and one pound per ton for every ton of Merchandise exceeding ten tons by weight in all cases.

*Resolved*—That the importance of the last provisions cannot be too strongly pressed, on the consideration of His Excellency and Council. For in the event of the two former obstructions being removed, the same mono-

poly, will still exist; and the entire Canal may as well be placed under the control of this Company, as the steam power by which the Canal alone can be used and from the very nature of the navigation unless this power is supplied by the managers of the Canal or regulated by Law, monopolies must continue to exist to the disadvantage of the public, although competition may for a time exist, yet it is evident that the interest of the forwarders will induce them from time to time to unite against the public. Whereas the latter plan will supercede the necessity of any forwarding Companies whatever. And as from the evidence of a partner, in a respectable firm in this City, it appears that they have paid an increase of freight in one year, rising £400, being on an average about 90 per cent. up in former rates—the owner the services of this Company are dispensed with the better.