

precautions must be taken to protect the Caisson against ice, which is the greatest cause of danger to be feared.

During the year the Engine House was enlarged and the annex will be fitted up as a machine shop and for the accommodation of the Engine driving, the Electric light apparatus.

The restoration of the warehouse, which was burned in 1886, has been commenced.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) HENRY F. PERLEY,

Chief Engineer.

A. H. VERRET, Esq.,
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Harbour Commission.

OFFICE OF THE QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

12th JULY, 1887.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade to enclose copies of a letter addressed to Commander Maxwell, on H. M. Survey, containing certain inquiries relative to the effect of depositing ballast in the River opposite to the City, and of the Commander's reply thereto, and am requested to ask your serious consideration of same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. H. ANDREWS,

Secretary.

A. H. VERRET, Esq.,
Secretary,
Quebec Harbour Commission.
