

appeared to be, he regretted to say, some political feeling in the matter. He thought it was wrong that the trade, which is so largely interested, should not have any representative in this corporation. The pilots had the matter all their own way, and proper records were not kept. It would be only just that the mercantile body should represent to the Government the propriety of allowing them to name the President, leaving to the Corporation of Pilots the nomination of the Directors.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then carried.

Mr. LEDROIT moved that the thanks of the members of the Board of Trade are due to the retiring Council, for their careful attention to the interests of the Board during the past year.

Mr. W. WHITE seconded the motion, which was carried.

### THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. WELCH laid before the meeting the Treasurer's account for the past year. At the commencement of the year there was a balance on hand of \$518. During the year the receipts amounted to \$556—making a total of \$1074. The outlay amounted to \$553, leaving a balance now on hand of \$521. The entertainment to the delegates produced a surplus of \$41 over the cost, and the delegation to Detroit did not cost anything—so that there had been no excessive expenditure during the year.

The accounts were then duly audited, and declared correct.

### THE HARBOR COMMISSION.

Mr. WURTELE asked whether the accounts of the business of the Harbor Commission submitted by the President might be considered official?

The PRESIDENT said they were extracts from the books of the Commission.

Mr. WURTELE said they were not official documents.

The PRESIDENT said they were true copies of the entries in the Commissioners' books.

Mr. WURTELE thought that a great corporation like the Harbor Commission should publish their accounts in a detailed form annually, for the information of the mercantile body and the public, instead of merely transmitting them to the Government. The Mersey Dock and Harbor Board, for instance, had published a voluminous annual report with detailed accounts—a copy of which he held in his hand. It was much better they should be made public in this manner than merely laid before the Government.

The PRESIDENT said he could conceive no better mode of giving publicity to the doings, and present position of the Harbor Commission than that which he (the President) had adopted. He had produced correct copies from the books, and these would be published with the proceedings of the meeting. All the information sought for had been most fully and cheerfully given.

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