

trasted with the beneficial results it must produce, your Committee are of opinion that it is scarcely possible to devise means by which an equal sum could be employed to better purpose. The Legislature owe it to the hardy and enterprising men engaged in our fisheries, and whose toil and industry are intimately connected with the commercial prosperity of the Province, to afford every succour, however small, that may tend to their comfort and encouragement. To know even that they are objects of the solicitude of the Legislature, must in itself have a tendency to promote the fisheries, by stimulating the perseverance and cheering the hopes of that useful class of men.

Your Committee also recommend to the attention of the House the great and serious inconvenience felt by the Coasting Trade, in the grievous charges exacted at the Custom House on vessels sailing from Quebec for that purpose, as appears by the evidence offered to your Committee by Merchants of respectability of Quebec, and which appear to your Committee to be such as almost to amount to a prohibition to navigate small craft, or vessels of the size and tonnage in which the coasting trade is, and only can be, conveniently carried on. This your Committee are of opinion might be remedied by an Address to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, requesting that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to take such measures as may remove the grievance complained of.

ORDERED, That the Chairman do leave the Chair, and report.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

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*Chairman.*