

That in the course of the year 1868, the Commissioners will have to pay—

The last mentioned sum of.....	\$54,588 48
Interest, due 1st July.....	27,432 50
Debentures maturing.....	20,000 00
Sinking Fund.....	16,000 00

Say, in all, a sum of..... \$118,020 98

That without assistance from the Government, it will be impossible for them to meet their engagements, and that the consequence will be a sudden and enormous depreciation in the value of the debentures; inability on their part to continue the works of improvement, and the total ruin of many families, among which are those of several poor widows, who had invested their little all in the purchase of these debentures, and who depended on the income from them for the support of their own, and their children's existence.

That the Government has frequently assisted the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, under similar circumstances, by advancing money, or by giving its guarantee, that is to say, by guaranteeing the payment of interest on a loan of£121,683 6s. 8d.

By advancing on the security of debentures for £40,000 bearing interest at five per cent.....	48,666 13 4
	£170,350 0s. 0d.
	Or \$681,400 00

By purchasing debentures bearing interest at 5 per cent. for the Upper Canada Clergy Reserve Fund, to the amount of.....	\$211,266 68
By grant in 1860.....	500,000 00
By grant in 1861.....	60,000 00
	\$1,452,666 68

Wherefore, your memorialists pray that you will come to their assistance while it is yet time, by granting the guarantee of the Government, either in the form of a redemption of the bonds issued by the Commissioners with Government Bonds at 6 per cent., or in any other form that the Government in its wisdom may deem best.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

The Québec Harbor Commissioners by

J. B. MARTEL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

QUÉBEC, 17th February, 1868.

HARBOR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

QUÉBEC, 16th November, 1868.

SIR,—I have the honor to commend to your favorable consideration, the enclosed Memorial of the Québec Harbor Commissioners, and to remain

Your very humble and obedient Servant,

J. B. MARTEL,
Sec. Q. H. C.

The Honorable
H. L. Langevin, C. B.
Secretary of State of Canada,
&c., &c., &c.,
Québec.