

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,
November 22, 1906.

THE HON. W. S. FIELDING,
Minister of Finance,
OTTAWA, CANADA,

SIR:—

In accordance with your suggestion that we should supply the Tariff Commission, with any further information on the question of Steel Shipbuilding that we could secure, we have the honor to enclose a statement which is intended to sum up the argument in favor of a bounty on Canadian tonnage. For the sake of convenience we have had it printed, and trust its perusal by the Tariff Commissioners may emphasize the claim which this important industry has on their consideration.

We are sending copies of this document to the other Members of the Government and to the Members of Parliament, and again beg most respectfully to urge that the bounty of \$6.00 per gross ton, which has been asked for in a memorial previously presented to the Government, may be granted at the coming session of Parliament.

We feel sure that this important question will receive the consideration it deserves from your Commission, and have the honor to be,

Your obedient servants,

R. T. MACILREITH,
Mayor of Halifax.

E. F. WILLIAMS,
Mayor of Dartmouth.

A. M. BELL,
*President Halifax
Board of Trade.*

A. C. PYKE,
*President Dartmouth
Board of Trade.*