

That the mode of transferring animals to the ocean vessel is to some extent dependent on the site and should be considered in conjunction with its selection, inasmuch as the present system of driving animals through the busy streets and across crowded wharves is most objectionable. In some of the Atlantic cities the railways transfer their cattle from yards to vessels chiefly by cars and in others chiefly by craft. Should the former system be adopted here, the railways would require to make the necessary arrangements with the Harbour Commissioners before the adoption of the new harbour plans ;

That in connection with the cattle interest, as well as in other directions, the trade of the city is suffering for lack of a belt line of railway, which would afford an easy transfer of traffic between the east and west ends of the city, and would connect the wharves and factories at Hochelaga with the Grand Trunk system, and your Committee commends this desideratum to the favourable consideration of the Council ;

That the Committee recommends that the Council invoke the aid of the Mayor to bring about an agreement between the two railways and the city with respect to a Union Stock Yard, and also with a view to push on the construction of the connecting line of belt railway herein referred to.

The whole respectfully submitted, together with a request that your Committee be discharged.

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LEGISLATION RESPECTING THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

The enquiry into the ocean carriage of live stock conducted in 1890 under the auspices of the Department of Marine, led to the introduction into Parliament of a bill by the Government, entitled " An Act respecting the shipping of Live Stock." That Bill was not approved by your Council or the Shipping Interest, for it proposed to empower the Government to make regulations simply by the issuance of Orders-in-Council—to make the inspector absolute,—and to levy an export tax on live stock. Before approaching the Government with regard to this Bill it was deemed expedient to arrange for a conference between representatives of your Council, of the Shipping Interest, the Live Stock Interest, and the Marine Underwriting Interest, so that if possible a basis of agreement