

Quebec, (and, in some instances, merchants have refused to give a list of their receipts.) The Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway has kindly consented to furnish your Council with a weekly statement of their Imports, and the Collector of Customs, J. W. Dunscomb, Esq., has promised that he will detail a competent clerk to procure the receipts by both barge and steamer. Your Council has also named a Committee to perfect this important matter.

#### DELEGATE FROM ENGLAND.

Your Council are in possession of a letter from the Mayor and Member for Birmingham, stating that Mr. A. Field of the Chamber of Commerce of that City, had been deputed to visit the chief cities of the United States and the Provinces of Canada, and confer with the Boards of Trade, on certain proposed changes in the Maritime Law, &c., and we may therefore shortly expect the pleasure of a visit from that gentleman.

#### SHIP LABORERS' SOCIETY.

The illegal and unjustifiable conduct of the members of this body, in causing a strike amongst the laborers on board ship last summer, and the violence resorted to by them, to prevent non-members of the Society, from working on their own terms, had an injurious effect upon the trade of the port, and was in direct variance with the Act of Incorporation, which distinctly states that the Society was incorporated for benevolent objects. The Board learns with regret that the laborers intend, not only to adopt the same course next summer, but to insist on greater exactions. If so, measures will have to be adopted to suppress any attempt at coercion, and protect the citizens in the exercise of their rights. Merchants can have no objection to the payment of liberal wages, and the Board will do all in its power to sustain the labourers in their just demands, but to force ships to employ members of that Society *only*, to the exclusion of all those who do not belong to it, would be so gross an outrage on the liberty of the subject, and so pernicious in its tendency to all the interests concerned, that it cannot be submitted to. It is hoped, therefore, for the sake of peace and order, the ship laborers will have the good sense, not to resort in future, to any such unjustifiable proceedings.

#### ST. SAUVEUR FIRE.

Since the last Annual Meeting, your Council have had to deplore one of the most extensive conflagrations that have ever taken place in British America, by which the whole of St. Sauveur, and a considerable portion of St. Roch's, were reduced to ashes. Through the unbounded liberality of our fellow subjects in Great Britain and Ireland, and the generosity of our American neighbors and fellow Colonists in these Provinces, a large amount of distress, which would otherwise have prevailed, was relieved, and the warmest and most grateful thanks of the Board are due to them for their timely and generous contributions.

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