

respect to a suitable site for the erection of a Government grain elevator, and arrangements were made whereunder the Minister was met by a number of the Harbour Commissioners, your President, second Vice-President, and the President of the Corn Exchange Association. The expressed desire of the Minister to erect a grain elevator in the harbour and to construct the needful facilities at Port Colborne, provided he was supported in so doing, led the Council to adopt the following resolution, which was communicated to the Premier and the Minister of Public Works :—

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade hereby urges the Government :—

1. To provide elevator and warehouse facilities at Port Colborne for the rapid transference of cargoes.

2. To light and operate the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals by electricity.

To equip the Port of Montreal with such elevators, warehouses and other modern facilities as may be necessary for the rapid and least costly handling of freight from inland and ocean vessels.

That the Council presses these improvements upon the Government at the present time, because it is of opinion that they are necessary to enable the St. Lawrence route to compete successfully with existing United States waterways.

While a grant of \$250,000 was placed in the estimates for the erection of a grain elevator at Montreal, it was subsequently cancelled. No further move was made in the matter until November 29, when the Council considered the following resolution adopted by the Harbour Commissioners the previous day, asking for proposals for elevator and warehouse sites in the harbour :—

That the Harbour Board, being anxious to secure as soon as possible the necessary accommodation for receiving and shipping grain and package freight in the port of Montreal, resolves to wire and write to the parties who have applied for space in the harbour for elevating purposes, etc., asking them to send proposals to this Board, stating the space and locality where the elevators and warehouses are to be erected, the capacity of same, the tariff of rates, what volume of business can be guaranteed, and what amount will be spent in those improvements—the said proposals to be on hand for next Friday at 2 o'clock.

The Council met again the next day specially to consider this matter, and then unanimously adopted the following resolution for communication to the Harbour Commissioners, at the same time expressing to Mr. Crathern, who was present as the Board's representative on the Commission, its strong conviction that the time mentioned in the Commissioners' resolution for the reception of written applications for sites for elevators,