

The aggregate tonnage of the crafts engaged in the Coasting Trade, during the season, is represented by 416,390 tons.

The enclosed annexures contain all the information annually conveyed to your Department regarding the Port of Quebec, also a complete statement of the Commissioners' account for the year.

Revenue.

The following is a comparative statement of the Commissioners' revenue for the two last years.

	1882		1883		Difference in 1883.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Tonnage Dues	21,857	54	26,008	34	4,050	80
Import "	4,133	14	3,919	86	208	28
Export "	7,939	45	8,872	34	933	89
Harbour "	3,483	98	2,932	62	551	36
Property Revenue.....	19,813	07	21,677	93	1,864	86
Interest.....	519	73	1,144	55	624	82
B. & D. Water Lots.....	2,031	86	1,977	37	54	49
Sundries.....	80	56	61	81	18	69
Total.....	59,854	27	66,594	82	6,740	55

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. VERRRET,

Sec. Treas.

QUÉBEC, 17TH NOVEMBER 1883.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the following with reference to the Graving Dock, St Joseph de Levis, for the information of your Board.

At the date (12th Sept. 1883) of my taking charge, I found that about *three quarters* of the body of the dock had been completed; that works of a temporary character for closing in the outer end and to act as a coffer-dam, which had been commenced in 1881, had not been completed; and that no progress had been made during, 1883 on the dock work proper.

It may be well to state here that early in 1881 it was found that the works at the entrance designed to act as a coffer-dam

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