

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 Increase.
Import "	4,128 14	3,919 86	208 28 Decrease.
Export "	7,939 45	8,872 34	932 89 Increase.
Harbour "	3,483 98	2,932 62	551 36 Decrease.
Property Revenue.....	19,813 07	21,677 93	1,864 86 Increase.
Interest.....	519 73	1,144 55	624 82 "
B. & D. Water Lots.....	2,031 86	1,977 37	54 49 Decrease.
Sundries.....	80 50	61 81	18 69 "
Total.....	59,854 27	66,594 82	6,740 55 Increase.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. H. VERRÉT,

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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