

Ocean vessels, round which there would be berth room for 4 or 5 large ships.

JACQUES CARTIER BASIN.—Being so very narrow, it would not, in my opinion, be advisable to deepen the whole of it for Ocean ships, but I would recommend that the inner end be appropriated to the use of small boats as a "boat basin," as no accommodation of that kind exists at present in the harbour, while the revenue from these would pay the interest of any small accommodation afforded to such boats.

JACQUES CARTIER PIER.—I would not at present extend beyond its present length, as in 1858 a new crib work end was sunk in front. I would however extend the width by sinking cribs in front of the piles on the lower side. The upper side would have to be repaired similar to the Nelson pier. To extend this pier further into the river, would make a very long narrow basin between it and the Grand Trunk pier, which would not be suitable for the general business of the port. The inside of the Island wharf could be dredged and repaired similar to the other wharves.

These are all the pile constructions now in the harbour, and as they must all be removed at no very distant date, I would recommend that none of them should be repaired except with crib work and that these cribs be sunk in 20 feet depth at lowest water.

VICTORIA PIER.—Will no doubt be very much wanted next year, and it will be necessary to put it in proper repair, and all the outer end and part of the lower side have been so much damaged by the ice, that they are not approachable with carts. I embraced the opportunity during the very low water this fall, to raise the timber work so much that, if I have the authority of the Commissioners, I could prosecute the repair while the water is high next Spring. The foregoing embraces all the repairs necessary to put the harbour of Montreal in perfect order, but as these repairs must be spread over a series of several years, I will state those which I consider call for immediate action:

1st. The repairing of the revetment foot walk from the Victoria pier to the Lachine canal.

2nd. Re-cribbing "Wellington pier," "Sydenham" and "Met-calf" basins.

3rd. The extension of "Grand Trunk pier."