

already expressed that no adequate return is made by the United States for the free use of our extensive and valuable fishing grounds, and the free navigation of the St. Lawrence and of our Canals. In negotiations for a continuation of the treaty, provision should be made for the admission of ships built in the Provinces to United States register as American ships are to ours, and for a participation in the American Coasting Trade.

A communication was received from the Toronto Board of Trade suggesting that American silver be taken at four per cent discount. The Council replied that the attempt had already been made here by the Trade without success, and that they see no remedy for the evil, unless the government take the initiative.

"Mr. Benjamin Rousseau was appointed Deputy Inspector of Flour and Mr. Alderic Fortin, Inspector of Leather and Raw Hides.

"Under the Insolvent Act of 1864, Messrs. Wm. Walker, Pemberton Patterson, and Alexander Fraser were named official assignees for Quebec. Mr. Telesphore Eusebe Normand was appointed for Three Rivers. Mr. Th. Michaud for Montmagny. Mr. Thomas LeBel for Kamouraska, and Mr. Augustin Michaud for Rimouski. Appointments for Beauce, Saguenay, Chicoutimi, Gaspé, and Bonaventure have been delayed in consequence of the want of applications.

"During the late session of Parliament, an Act was passed authorizing the Boards of Trade of the Province to appoint Boards of Examiners of applicants for the office of Weigher, Measurer and Guager, to commence from such date as the Boards of Trade shall respectively determine.

"On the table will be found the correspondence for the year, together with statements of ashes, pork and flour inspected to 31st December last, and the Treasurer's accounts—also the accounts of the Incorporation of Pilots.

A. JOSEPH,

"President Quebec Board of Trade.

"A. FRASER,

"Secretary.

"Quebec, 3rd April, 1865."

Mr. WURTELE asked whether the report of the sub-committee on wrecks embodied in the annual report was concurred in by the other Commissioners appointed by the Government.

The PRESIDENT was understood to say, in reply, that the report of the Government Commissioners had not been seen yet.

Mr. SHAW moved that the report just read be received, adopted and published.

Mr. MOUNTAIN seconded the motion.

Mr. T. C. LEE said that with respect to the report which had been made by the sub-committee relative to the shipwrecks, there were a few little things which could not be put in the report, but which he nevertheless thought it right to mention. The Pilots' office appeared to be very badly managed. They could not get copies of orders given to schooners, and they had great difficulty in getting a copy of an order relative to the eastern pilot station. It was found that, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of the month there were no pilots at all there. When the weather was bad they seemed all to run in somewhere for shelter, and out of the whole five schooners there was not one on the eastern station. By the law the Trinity House possessed great control over this Pilots' Corporation, but it seemed to be afraid to exercise it. They had superintendents of pilots—why were they not sent down to see if the pilots were at the proper places? There