

WATER POWER FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTING NORTH SIDE OF THE LACHINE CANAL.

A requisition was addressed to the Council by the Ocean and Inland Shipping interest of this port, recommending that a water power be created on the north side of the Lachine Canal that would give power sufficient to light that side to Cote St. Paul and the wharves down to Maissonneuve, and the Council wrote the Department of Railways and Canals recommending the creation of such power.

LIVE STOCK SHIPMENT FACILITIES.

The question of the facilities for the shipment of live stock from this port was considered early in the year, a committee being appointed to interview the railway companies and make general enquiry into the matter. That Committee reported as follows, and the Council communicated with His Worship the Mayor, as therein recommended :

To the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee, Messrs. H. Montagu Allan, W. C. Munderloh and R. Bickerdike, appointed on the 3rd February, respecting Live Stock Shipment Facilities, with temporary substitution of Mr. D. A. Watt for Mr. Allan on 10th March, and of Mr. R. Reford for Mr. Munderloh on 17th March, begs to report as follows :

That it has been strongly represented to the Committee by the Cattle Trade that one general Stock Yard for the lairage of and traffic in live stock, and especially of cattle, is urgently required, and it is of opinion that this demand of that trade is reasonable, and that a serious effort should be made to supply said necessity ;

That your Committee considers that this desideratum should be provided, not by private enterprise, whether through the medium of a joint stock company looking for dividends or otherwise, but by the two great railways, acting in conjunction with the City Corporation ;

That as regards the requirements for such a stock yard the Committee's view is that an emplacement of 150 to 200 acres in extent, on high ground, with good natural drainage, not too distant from the city and easily accessible by the railway and street cars, would suffice for present requirements ; also, that, while it would be advantageous were it located near a water frontage, that is not a necessary qualification ;

That in the opinion of your Committee the two railways should each control one-third of the ground for railway yards, and the city should control the remaining third for market purposes, and perhaps also for exhibitions ;

That the question of site has not engaged the attention of the Committee, but it is informed that a suitable emplacement may probably be had at St. Henri, at Mile End and at Hochelaga, should the interests concerned favour any one of those localities.