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Two hundred and two—202—tons of iron dross have been spread over the roadway and other parts of the Grand Trunk Wharf, and fifty—50—tons of the same material were used for the same purpose on Wellington Wharf. This material consists also of ballast taken from ships.

*By Law.*

A portion of 8th Section of the By-Law of the Commissioners, in force since the 9th June 1877, concerning the discharging of ballast in the Harbour of Quebec between St Martin's Point and the west end of Beaumont Shoals, has been repealed and the portion of the said 8th Section of the said By-Laws now remaining in force, having received the sanction of H. E. the Governor General in council, reads as follows :

" 8th The following shall be the limits of the Ballast Ground within which ships or vessels may discharge ballast into the River St Lawrence, within the Harbour of Quebec, that is to say, that part of the river St Lawrence which lies between the river Etchemin and a line formed by a Beacon on the hill in rear of Diamond Harbour and the center of the Martello Tower above it, and a line drawn from the west side of the mouth of the river Cap-Rouge, to the west side of the mouth of the river Chaudière : but no ballast shall be discharged in any place within the Harbour of Quebec, where there is not at least fifteen fathoms of water at low water in neap tides on the north shore, or ten fathoms on the south shore of the said river St Lawrence."

The repeal of this portion of 8th Section of this said By-Laws has had therefore the effect of cancelling the permission of discharging ballast between St Martin's Point and the west end of Beaumont Shoals.

*Ice Cutting.*

The new limits allotted for harvesting of the ice have been strictly maintained. The quality of the ice cut there seems to have given satisfaction as no complaint has been uttered.

Thirty one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six—31776—pieces of ice have been cut on those limits during the winter of 1885-86.