

in their own localities, the citizens of Montreal were depending on themselves alone. We may be proud of this, but we ought to take a leaf out of our neighbours' books when they are moving in the right direction. They have received large sums of money from the Government from year to year, while we have been paying our own way. I am very glad to see that the citizens of Montreal now believe that they ought to do the same as the people of Quebec. Why has the city of Quebec obtained \$5,000,000 for improving the Harbor, when there was no possibility of paying the interest? because the city of Quebec has been doing all along what we are thinking of doing now. You see now that not only in the vicinity of Montreal, but from Kingston down, you can bring forty representatives who will accompany you to the Government and obtain from them the assistance you are entitled to. By agitation as has been suggested, by interesting the newspapers and furnishing them with figures, and by influencing public opinion, you will succeed in making Montreal what it ought to be, the great port of the Dominion. Not only will Montreal but the entire Dominion benefit by the improvements in our port. Our canals are worthless unless you can bring to Montreal a large shipping business. I beg to say that I am at one with the object of this meeting, and that you can depend on my support in carrying it out. (Applause.)

Mr. SUANLY, M.P., said:—I have nothing to add to what has been already said. The important part of the business of the meeting has been reached. I will say this in reference to what my friend, Mr. Desjardins, has said about certain members between here and Kingston. I am neither a Montreal merchant nor a shipper. I am here as a representative of an Ontario constituency, and I believe that my constituents in Ontario are largely interested in the improvement of the port of Montreal. I repeat what Mr. Desjardins has said, that I am entirely one with the object of this meeting, and I will help your efforts in any way I can, either in Parliament or out of it. (Applause.)

Capt. LABELLE, M.P., said:—I agree with what has been stated at this meeting. As one of the members representing a constituency below Montreal, I will be in the lobby of the House to meet you gentlemen and to vote in favor of exempting Montreal from the Harbor debt and improving the Harbor of Montreal.

The CHAIRMAN:—Any other practical suggestions are in order now before we bring the meeting to a close.