

**The Shipping Interest** of Montreal, at a recent meeting, passed the following resolution and communicated the same to their chairman and representative at the Harbour Board for communication to the latter body.

**RESOLVED:**—That improved harbour facilities are required and will be a valuable aid to the shipping trade of the port, nevertheless the one essential condition to be at all times urged is a prompt and substantial reduction in harbour taxation coupled with a continuous effort towards making Montreal a free port.

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### THE MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSION.

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SPEECH BY THE HON. SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

(*From Hansard.*)

Sir CHARLES TUPPER moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide;—

(a.) That the Government of the Dominion of Canada may release and discharge the Corporation of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal from all liability to repay to the said Government the whole or any part of the advances made to the said Corporation to enable them to widen and deepen the channel in Lake St. Peter and the River St. Lawrence from Montreal to Quebec, or any interest thereon beyond the amount of interest already paid by them to the Government (it being understood that no portion of the amount heretofore paid for interest is to be refunded);

(b.) That the Government may pay to the said Corporation of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal a sum not exceeding the sum of \$37,405 which they represent as being the excess of their expenditure (apart from the expenditure on capital account) over their net revenue during the calendar year 1887;

(c.) That the Government may, in addition to the said payment last mentioned, expend, through the medium of the said Corporation or other-