
" That the Chairman and Secretary be instructed to write to the Honorable the Minister of Marine and to call his attention to the present unsatisfactory position of the police force for the protection of the Harbour.

" The Commissioners would respectfully advise the Honorable the Minister, that they consider the retention of this force an absolute necessity.

" The case of Montreal offers no comparison to the Harbour of Quebec, and no City force could be provided from the City funds, nor would it be consistent to exact it.

" The Shipowners and Shippers of Quebec would much prefer to have the River Police force kept up to its old efficiency, even if the present tax is maintained.

" They would strongly beg of the Government to organize the force without delay as already the tax has been enforced and paid by steamers and ships which have arrived to date, and who look for the necessary protection in case of need.

" We remain, Sir,

" Your most obedient servants,

" EDMOND GIROUX,
Chairman.

" JAMES WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer."
