

the trade of Canada. From it will pass in and out a much vaster proportion of the trade of Canada if your business men are alive to their opportunities and make the most of their advantages. Gentlemen, I am jealous of every bushel of wheat and every cargo of traffic from our great West, near or far, which fails to pass out through these great Canadian ports and this great Canadian gateway.

I am not here to say we shall ever see the day when we shall control the whole of that trade, but I do not want to see a retrograde movement even relatively. And there is a retrograde movement. You are not sending out of Montreal, relatively to two years ago, the amount of products of the West you should be sending out. It is seeking southern ports, and as a Board of Trade you should be putting interrogation marks all around this Harbour Commission, and harbour and the men of affairs, and studying as to why it is. Is it because you are not able for the work? Perish the thought. Is it because the Government has not lavished money in expenditure and loans? You have got all you could spend and more too and that is a very wonderful thing. There is money in the Treasury today you are supposed to spend and you have not yet spent it. There is no lack there. There is no lack in business ability. Have you the equipment in the harbour you ought to have? If you have not you should be putting interrogation marks all around and wanting to know why you have not.

Have you as much tonnage in this river as you ought to have? Is it a fact that every year your men of business have to turn hundreds of thousands of tons to southern ports when you are asked to provide for it here? If so it is a fact that ought to be remedied, that sort of business ought to be changed. What is the reason you have not sufficient tonnage in this mighty river, with all the expenditures that have been lavished upon it? The Government is doing all it can. You will soon have a dock in operation here and another one at Quebec, both of which you need very much. You now have a wrecking plant on a permanent basis, and a good one it is. What else do you want? Seek, find out and ask for it and get your people to put it into operation.