

THIRD AND FOURTH REPORTS

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING OF MERCHANT VESSELS

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA,

AND AS TO THE MEANS OF PROMOTING ITS DEVELOPMENT.

THIRD REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
1st May, 1868.

The Committee, having taken in consideration the Petition of the Board of Trade of the city of Quebec, setting forth, that in their opinion the business of ship-building in Canada might be revived, and vessels constructed there enabled to compete with iron vessels, if the system of building composite ships were adopted, (vessels of that description having their frames of iron and the planking and other parts of wood, being in many respects equal to iron ships, and having even some superior advantages,) and also praying for aid for encouraging the said construction; recommend that a drawback be granted of the duties on all iron used in the construction of ships and vessels.

The whole humbly submitted.

P. G. HUOT,
Chairman.

FOURTH REPORT.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
19th May, 1868:

The Committee, well aware of the importance of the subject which was referred to them, have lost no time, after being organized, in order to arrive more speedily at the knowledge of the facts that they desired to establish by their inquiry.

Therefore, they have addressed a series of questions to the ship-builders and other persons interested in ship-building in the Dominion of Canada, in order to ascertain the real state of that industry, and the means of procuring its development. They have received answers to these questions, which are annexed as an Appendix to this Report, and have directed the minutes of evidence, received by them up to this time, to be laid before Your Honorable House.

The whole humbly submitted.

P. G. HUOT,
Chairman.