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As the few merchants who sit in the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade seem desirous of sweeping away by one and the same blow both the pilots as a body, and the Trinity House of Quebec, and this solely with the view of increasing their own share of the spoils, and because their recent Correspondence with the Honble. Mr. Merritt has been solely dictated by the individual interest of each of them, it is but justice to those whose interests run counter to the interests of the Board of Trade, to lay before the public the motives of those who seek advantage in the destruction of our body. It is therefore in self defence that I have caused to be translated the following articles recently published in the *Journal de Québec*; they are as ample a refutation as could possibly be desired of the egotistical pretensions of the Quebec Board of Trade and of its Champions.

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