

HARBOUR EXTENSION AND FLOOD PREVENTION.

In accordance with the wish expressed by some members at the last annual meeting of this Board, a special meeting of members and others interested in the question of Harbour Accommodation and Flood Protection, was held on 7th March for consideration thereof, at which a lengthy and desultory discussion of the numerous plans and resolutions submitted was ended by the adoption of a resolution referring all to your Council for consideration and report.

The Council deemed it best that this important subject should be considered by a committee of so representative a character that its decision would carry weight in all quarters, and it accordingly appointed the following gentlemen to serve thereon:—

Grand Trunk Railway .....	Mr. Wm. Wainwright.
Canadian Pacific Railway .....	Mr. Thos. G. Shaughnessy.
City Corporation—Finance Committee...	Alderman Rolland.
Do. —Road Committee .....	Alderman Prefontaine.
Harbour Commission .....	Mr. Henry Bulmer.
Chambre de Commerce.....	Mr. J. X. Perrault.
Board of Trade .....	Hon. Geo. A. Drummond.
Corn Exchange Association .....	Mr. Hugh McLennan.
Allan Line .....	Mr. Andrew Allan.
Dominion Line .....	Mr. John Torrance.
Beaver Line .....	Mr. H. E. Murray.
Donaldson, etc., Lines .....	Mr. Robert Reford.
Coal Shipping.....	Mr. H. A. Budden.
Inland Barge Trade .....	Mr. David G. Thomson.
Inland Steamer Trade.....	Mr. Geo. E. Jaques, Jr.
Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co .....	Captain J. B. Labelle, M.P.

That Committee commenced its duties forthwith, electing the Hon. Geo. A. Drummond as its chairman, and although it held frequent sittings, the investigation and consideration of the several plans presented occupied nearly two months, its Report, concluded on the 13th of May, being as follows:—

*To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:—*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee appointed by you on 19th March to consider and report on the Plans and Schemes for Harbour Improvement and Protection against Floods, which were submitted to the public meeting held under the auspices of your Board, on 7th March, begs to report as follows:—

1—Plan No. 6, prepared at the instance of the Harbour Commissioners, by the Harbour Engineer, Mr. John Kennedy, and the City Surveyor, Mr. P. W. St. George,