The acting chairman, Mr Forsyth, arose and said : Mr Mayor and gentlemen, I regret to inform you that our chairman is not here to-day and my friends of the Harbour Commission have asked me to preside.

I do not think it necessary for me to say much on this occasion. You know there were three plans submitted to the Harbour Commissioners for the proposed works. We adopted one of them and after considerable discussion advertised for tenders. Our chairman, Mr Dobell, and others mentioned to us that there were certain objections raised by citizens of Quebec. I think all our interests are identical and we all wish to work for the good of our port, hence the arranging for this conference to-day between the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors, the president of the Board of Trade and Council and the Harbour Commissioners. I do not consider it necessary for me to say anything more just now but to hear whatever objections may be raised to the present plan, also Mr Perleys views and explanations on those plans which he has submitted to us and which we have adopted.

His Worship Mayor Langelier : We are all very thankful to the Commissioners for the invitation to meet them and discuss a subject like that of improvements in the Harbour of Quebec. We are all agreed upon one point, and that is that the improvements now being executed must be such as to accommodate the shipping now coming to the St Lawrence or which may be expected to arrive in this river at no distant period.

The tendency at the present age is to build very large steamers. Some years ago the necessity of this was questionable We have seen here a very large steamer the " *Great Eastern* " and at that time it was thought a great piece of extravagance to build such vessels, but subsequent events show that that idea

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