

It was then moved by the Chairman, seconded by T. Ledroit,

“That the Annual Report just read be received, adopted and printed.”—Carried.

The Treasurer's account for the past year was read, and it was moved by M. Stevenson, seconded by W. Brodie,

“That the Treasurer's account be received and adopted.”—Carried.

Moved by Hans Hagens, seconded by F. Gunn,

“That this Board do petition the Dominion Government to revoke their decision in the matter of reducing the River Police Force, and that the same number of men as heretofore be retained, in view of the increase of shipping expected at this Port this summer.”—Carried.

Moved by F. Billingsley, seconded by Hans Hagens,

“That in the opinion of this Board there are too many Pilots for the requirements of the trade, and that instead of increasing the rates of pilotage, which will be detrimental to the interests of the Port, it is desirable that the number of Pilots be gradually decreased, so as to afford to each a fair remuneration for their services.”—Carried.

Moved by T. Beckett, seconded by J. L. Gibb,

“That the attention of this Board has been drawn to a movement on the part of the Boards of Trade of Montreal and St. Catharines, for the purpose of procuring from the Dominion Government sufficient financial aid to make the Harbour of Montreal a free Port, and to defray in part the ordinary charges for Pilotage and Towage on vessels frequenting the same.

“That while the Quebec Board of Trade will hail with satisfaction any improvement which will render safer the navigation of the St. Lawrence, they desire to protest against any policy which would give one Port such a manifest advantage over all others.