

interest sustain these Services, erected for its special benefit: and should any and what distinction be made between Lake and Sea-going Tonnage?

3rd. Please answer the several charges to which vessels are subject on entering, while remaining in, and on leaving the Ports of Quebec and Ontario.

4th. Is there more than one system of Registry of Vessels in force in Quebec and Ontario; and, if there is, have you ever known any difficulty to arise in the Registration of Vessels; or, is there danger of such by reason of the existence of the *Provincial* as well as the *Imperial* right of Registry?

5th. If you consider that the Shipping interest should maintain the services in which it is specially interested, such as Lights, Light Houses, Buoys, Beacons, Marine or Seamen's Hospitals, Marine and River Police, Shipping Masters' Establishments, the Relief of Shipwrecked Seamen, Life Boats and appliances, Trinity Boards and Staff, Inspectors of Steamboats, Harbor Masters and Staff? Do you see any objection to sustain these by the levying of a general tonnage tax for that purpose?

6th. If you consider that the Shipping interest should sustain the services which now especially benefit it; are all those services named in question 5, such as should be included therein or made charges upon it; and, if not all, then which of them should be included?

7th. Is the present Pilot service on a satisfactory basis; and, if not, what changes would you suggest? And, is the compulsory system of Pilotage satisfactory to the trade; and should there be any and what exemption from its operations?

8th. Is the present system of shipping seamen satisfactory; and, if not, what remedy would you propose?

9th. Is the present River Police establishment at your Port efficient? Can you suggest any change with advantage to the Service?

10th. Do you think it objectionable that Marine and Quarantine Hospitals should be combined, as at Quebec, or shall they be separate establishments?

11th. Is it desirable, and if so, is it possible to combine the duties of the Board of Harbor Commissioners and Trinity Boards at Quebec and Montreal; and to what extent should they superintend the other services in their several Ports which come within the duties of this department?

12th. Will you please state the reasons on which your conclusions are founded in your answers to these several questions; and, can you make any other suggestions which would be beneficial to the Marine interests of the Dominion; and, if so, please state them?

OFFICE OF THE QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE,
QUEBEC, 17th July, 1867.

Copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, held this day.

That the President be authorized to sign a Petition to the Government of Canada in favor of a Light Ship and Fog Whistle on Red Island Reef, in lieu of the present Light House; a Light Ship on Manicouagan Shoals; a gun at Point des Monts Light House, and one at Egg Island.

(Certified.)

(Signed,)

T. H. GRANT,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE,
QUEBEC, 25th July, 1867.

SIR,—In handing you the enclosed resolution, we are desired by the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade respectfully to state, that having had under consideration the numerous shipwrecks which have occurred in the St. Lawrence, during the past and present seasons, they beg to urge upon you the following alterations and additions to the lighting, &c., of the River and Gulf.

The most urgent and important is the removal of the Light House (with its miserable