

was given early in the year, and as certain portions of the work were to be carried on in concert with the Civic authorities, it was necessary that a general plan of operations should be agreed upon with the City Council. A scheme was ultimately adopted which divided the work into sections, extending them over a period of six years, and by which it is expected that they can be constructed without materially interfering with the business of the port.

Considerable time was necessarily spent in perfecting this arrangement, but the Commissioners were able in the month of July to make a beginning on the Guard Pier, and during the season some 75,000 yards of material were deposited upon the line of this pier.

An additional dredge and several derricks and scows and a pile driver are now being built, and the Commissioners further intend to provide during the winter such additional plant as may be required for an active prosecution of the work on the opening of navigation in the spring.

Satisfactory progress has been made during the past season in extending the wharfs at Hochelaga. The pier opposite the St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery has been completed and a considerable part of the shore wharf, extending from the Hudon Cotton Mills downwards, has been built, thus affording at this important point about 3,000 feet of available wharf space for the use of sea-going vessels. In addition to the improvements at this point, the Commissioners have built during the past year a double ramp at Denonville Avenue, which had become a necessity in view of the large quantities of coal that are discharged every summer in this vicinity.

During the last session of Parliament application was made to the Government for a loan of the money required for carrying out the improvements contemplated under the new harbour plans. The Minister of Finance did not see his way to complying with the request, but an Act was passed by Parliament authorizing the Commissioners to borrow to the extent of \$1,000,000 for this purpose.

Inasmuch as the expenditure to be made by the Harbour Board is estimated at \$2,000,000, the Commissioners feel warranted in believing that the claim they have urged upon the Government for a refund of the interest paid on the Ship Channel Debt, amounting to \$1,000,000, will be recognized by the Government, and that in this way they will be provided with sufficient means to enable them to carry forward this important work to completion.

Shipments of grain from this port during the past season were as follows:—

Wheat.....	6,136,996 Bushels.
Corn.....	2,194,811 "
Peas.....	2,000,468 "
Oats.....	778,920 "
Barley.....	814,382 "
Rye.....	2,253,460 "
Total.....	14,179,037 "