

this noble river above Quebec, and its capabilities for the safe navigation of vessels of large draught. I think it is also required, in connection with the vast improvements yet contemplated in the harbor accommodation of Montreal, and when published will, I hope, convince the most sceptical, that the proper terminus of the ocean trade is the city and harbor of Montreal ; and that sound policy, as well as a regard to their essential interests, should urge the people of that city to the early extension of accommodation for the greatly increased amount of tonnage that will eventually frequent their harbor.

With the plan of the Montreal harbor before me, and the Victoria Bridge in sight, I cannot hesitate in saying, the "situation marked out for docks is the shoal flat extending from near the foot of the Lachine Canal to the Victoria Bridge ; and I cannot believe that much time will elapse before the harbor of Montreal shall possess that great desideratum of an enterprising mercantile community—a dock of sufficient extent to receive their shipping."