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PORT OF MONTREAL.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE

HELD IN THE BOARD OF TRADE ROOMS, WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 18TH, 1888.

A private conference was held this afternoon in the rooms of the Board of Trade. The meeting was attended by merchants, manufacturers and representatives of the shipping trade, and was one of the most influential ever held in the city. The object was to consider the present financial condition of the Harbor of Montreal, the lack of facilities for discharging and loading cargo and the heavy wharfage charges on shipping, imports and exports.

Mr. Geo. A. Drummond, President of the Board of Trade, occupied the chair. His Worship Mayor Abbott, Mr. Andrew Allan, Mr. Joseph Hickson, General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, Mr. Van Horne, Vice-president and General Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Mr. John Torrance, Agent of Dominion Line, Mr. W. C. Munderloh, German Consul and agent of the White Cross Line, and a very large representation of the mercantile and shipping interests of Montreal testified by their presence to the importance of the meeting, and their anxiety to see its object promoted in a manner satisfactory to the Dominion generally.

The following were among those present:—Sir Donald A. Smith, M.P., John J. Curran, M.P., A. Desjardins, M.P., Capt. Labelle, M.P., Walter Shanly, M.P.; and the following members of Council—W. W. Ogilvie, 1st Vice-President, R. Archer,