

wharves, and his company was prepared to aid the present scheme by placing at its disposal its largest ships so that the lowest possible rates might be quoted—rates equally as low as those charged at Boston.

Colonel McNaught, of New York, testified, on the same occasion, to the disadvantages of New York port in the matter of transferring cargoes in Quebec; on the other hand, the ship and the car were brought together, so that the minimum of cost was reached.

Mr. Booth, of Ottawa, to whose energy is largely due the development of the new short route, is strongly of the opinion that the capacity of the two ports of Montreal and Quebec, will, in the course of a few years, be taxed to the utmost for the accommodation of the grain trade of the North-West. Eighteen million bushels of grain are even now handled in a single year at Depot Harbor, and the trade of the place is rapidly increasing.”—(*From Report of Export Trade of the Port of Montreal.*)

