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QUEBEC, January 2nd, 1897.

JAMES WOODS, Esq.,

Secretary-Treasurer,

Harbour Commission,

Québec.

SIR,

I beg to report that during the past season twenty-nine vessels discharged 8,646 tons of ballast into Commissioners' properties, subdivided as follows :

New Wharf	6,621 tons
Pointe-à-Carcy.....	2,025 "
Total.....	8,646 tons

The cost of obtaining this ballast has been \$752.00, being an average of about 8½c per ton.

I would also respectfully draw your attention to the fact that, although the expense to the Commissioners this year has been \$212.00 more than last, there has been an increase of nine vessels, and 3,341 tons more ballast discharged.

The number of lumber laden vessels which cleared from this port during the past two seasons has been :

	Vessels.	Tons.
1895	86	70,960
1896	103	82,622
Increase	17	11,662