

quently, being relieved from any charge for interest, they have a large revenue left, which will enable them, from the charges of wharfage on goods at the port, either to make a large reduction in the wharfage dues, or to carry on the improvements in the harbour. The effect of making this a free port, as far as the tonnage dues are concerned, will make Montreal more attractive, and will enable the St. Lawrence, as a great route of intercommunication, to compete much more successfully with other ports and in that way will greatly increase the revenues of the harbour. Now, Sir, I do not intend to take up the time of the House longer, as at this stage of the Session I know how impatient the House is to proceed with public business. As this subject is so familiar to the House, I do not think it necessary to say more upon it than to make the brief statement I have to the House.

The resolutions were carried, and a bill founded on them was subsequently introduced by Sir Charles, passed by Parliament, and sanctioned by His Excellency, on Tuesday, May 22nd, 1888.