

sented the facts to the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, who have promised a thorough investigation of the matter.

To the Council it seems clear that as the pilotage is compulsory on all vessels, it ought to be equally compulsory that there should be a pilot in readiness to board every vessel which can approach pilotage waters.

SHIPPING AND WEATHER TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM THE RIVER AND GULF.

The Council joined the Quebec Board of Trade in requesting, on behalf of the shipping interests of the two ports, that the Telegraphic Shipping and Weather Reports from the River and Gulf should be given on Sundays as well as on week days, and that Cape Race be added to the list of signal stations. The Department of Marine complied with both requests, and those interested in shipping have greatly appreciated the intelligence thus rendered accessible.

QUARANTINE SERVICE AT GROSSE ISLE.

Another matter connected with the St. Lawrence shipping trade, the health of immigrants, and the protection of the Dominion from epidemic and other diseases, has received attention from the Council, to wit, the need for a deep water wharf at the quarantine station at Grosse Isle, where steamships could disembark their sick passengers at all states of the tide. With the meagre facilities now provided there, enormous difficulties would be encountered in the event of an epidemic. The Council represented the circumstances to the Department of Agriculture, and hopes that at an early date the construction of such a pier may be commenced.

HYDROGRAPHIC AND TIDAL RE-SURVEY OF THE GULF AND RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

In the matter of a hydrographic and tidal re-survey of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, which the Council has for several years past endeavoured to obtain, the following extract from a letter addressed on 28th June to this Board, by the Deputy Minister of Marine, shows that it is in progress:—

"As regards the hydrographic re-survey of the Gulf and River, I beg to inform you that the Survey at present is being conducted by Staff-Commander Maxwell in the Steamer *Gulnare*, and the expense is being borne partly by Her Majesty's Government and partly by the Dominion Government."