

## Answer to Alarmists.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Quebec, Nov. 10, 1913.

To the Editor of Chronicle,

Quebec.

Dear Sir,—On my return to Quebec my attention was drawn to an article which appeared in your paper on the 7th inst., under the heading, "Quebec Taxpayers are Alarmed Over Big Expenditures."

In that article you make an exposition of the loans to the amount of nearly \$3,000,000. You also make allusion to the reimbursement to the city of the sum of \$300,000 which had previously been subscribed to the Quebec Bridge Company, and also to another sum of \$200,000, the proceeds of the sale of different properties.

This article is of a nature to alarm the public if you do not make it known how and why this money was spent. I believe that it is only just to the mayor and to the members of the council that you should place in opposition to the expense account a comparative statement of what this city was four years ago, and the aspect which it presents to day from the points of view of amelioration and revenue.

First of all there is the expenditure which was made on the wharf at the Levis Ferry landing, which was considerable, and of which the interest is paid by the annual revenue of this property.