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All the different properties usually leased by the Commissioners were continued in the occupancy of the various tenants, the only change being: that the inside face and surface of one half of the Breakwater was leased to Messrs. Madden & Ellis with such restrictions as would prevent any interference with the working of the Louise Docks. The changes referred to in the Reports of 1890 and 1891 in the arrangements with the Quebec & Lake St. John and Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway Companies giving them power to cross the embankment, have been completed, and the deed embodying them signed.

## SETTLEMENT OF TAXES

The Corporation of Quebec having, by an amendment to their Act, included the new works of the Commissioners in the city limits, and collected taxes from them on same for 1887-88 and 1888-89, the Commissioners decided to resist this pretention, and after three years contention, in February 1892, they (the Corporation) abandoned their claim, returning all the moneys that had been overpaid and accepting what the Commissioners tendered.

The reduction thus made up to the time of settlement being eight thousand three hundred and eighty eight dollars and sixty eight cents (\$8,388.68.)

## BALLAST

Four thousand and sixty tons of filling material, consisting of ballest taken from ships, nearly all of good granite, and costing three hundred and fifty eight dollars and seventy five cents (\$358.75) or an average of eight and three quarter cents per ton has been obtained during the year.

It was disposed in the Commissioners' properties as follows: Pointe-à-Carcy Wharf, fifteen hundred and forty tons (1540), Louise Docks, seven hundred and eighty tons (780), and Breakwater seventeen hundred and forty tons (1740).