

trious individuals; and if measures be not adopted to prevent (as far as may be) a recurrence of the like misfortunes, the conveyance by Scows and Rafts must in a great measure be abandoned; and no substitute for such mode of conveyance, practicable in point of expence can be devised.—That the accidents were occasioned partly by the lowness of the water in the rapids, and natural obstructions in the channel thereof; and partly by the inexperience of some of those who undertook to act as Guides or Pilots to the Scows and Rafts.—That the Petitioners from the personal observation of some of them, and the information derived from others, entertain a confident opinion that the said obstructions in the channel may be removed, and the quantity of water increased therein if a proper fund for the purpose was supplied, but that such fund cannot be provided without the aid of the Legislature.—That they are also of opinion, that the risk of accidents to Scows and Rafts would be diminished, if the Pilotage thereof was subjected to some regulation; and the extent of Losses, when wrecks happened, would be abated, if a stop could be put to the theft of timber and staves whether adrift or otherwise.

That the navigation upwards in batteaux is capable of improvement at a moderate expence, and is also an object that merits the attention of the Legislature.

The Petitioners therefore pray that the premises may be taken into consideration by the House and such relief granted therein as in its wisdom shall be deemed proper.

On motion of Mr. *McGill*, seconded by Mr. *Mondelet*,

RESOLVED, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration, the state of the Internal navigation of the Province.

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