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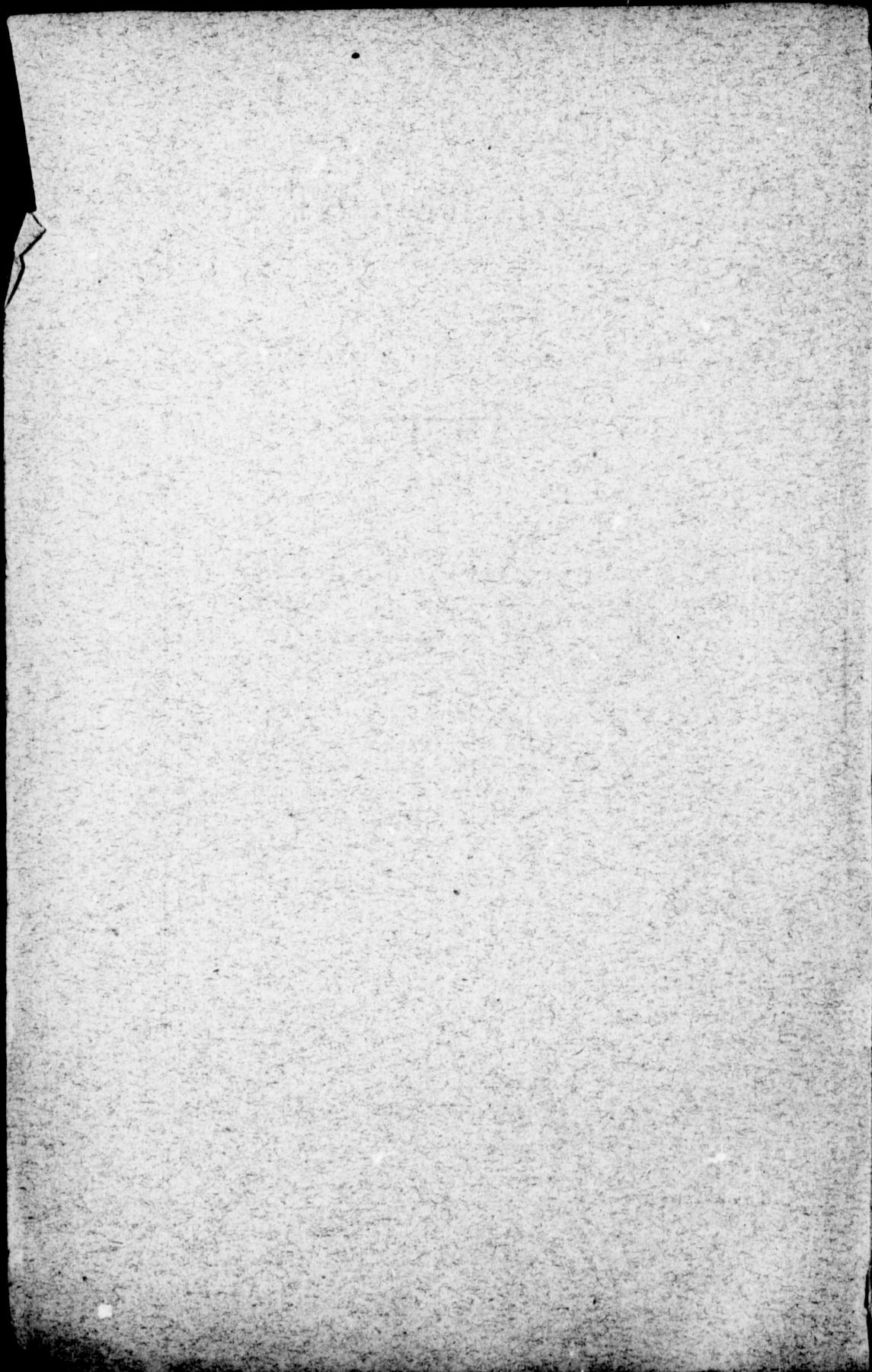
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ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Board, for the election of Officers, and the transaction of general business, was held at noon, on Monday, the 1st April, in the Board Room, Exchange Building.

The following members were present :

Weston Hunt, (*President*)

Jos. Shehyn, M.P.P., (*Vice-President.*)

H. W. Welch, (*Treasurer.*)

B. Bennett,	A. Joseph,
F. Billingsley,	J. Lane, Junr.,
A. Brodie,	A. Nicoll,
J. Carrel,	H. O'Connor,
J. H. Clint,	Simon Peters,
J. S. Crawford,	Geo. Robinson,
R. R. Dobell,	W. G. Ross,
S. W. Drum,	M. Stevenson,
A. Fraser,	B. Verret,
H. W. French,	A. D. Webster,
W. H. Forrest,	A. Woods,
J. L. Gibb,	W. Walker.
Francis Gunn,	

The President occupied the chair.

The Secretary read the advertisement in the **MORNING CHRONICLE**, calling the meeting, and then read the following Annual Report:—

Annual Report of the Quebec Board of Trade, 1878.

The Council beg to submit the following Report for the past year :

LINE OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF
THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

Your Council are pleased to report, that after much negotiation, their efforts towards obtaining the completion of the line of Electric Telegraph between Matane and Fox River, have been successful.

The Dominion Government having recently granted the sum of five thousand dollars, in addition to their former vote of ten thousand dollars. The Montreal Telegraph Company have undertaken the construction of the line, and it is expected it will be in operation early in the Fall.

FOG WHISTLE ON THE ISLAND OF LANGLEY, PETIT
MIQUELON.

The action of your Council as reported last year in reference to the above subject, has been followed up, and they have recently received from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, copy of a note received through the Foreign Office, addressed by the Marquis de Banneville to Lord Lyons, stating that the attention of the French Minister of Marine has been again called to the subject.

UNPREPAID LETTERS.

This subject has again been brought under the notice of the Dominion Government, and it is hoped that such amendments may be adopted, as may obviate the unnecessary and damaging delays which frequently occur, (especially on mariner's letters from the lower St. Lawrence and Gulf.) under the working of the existing law exacting compulsory prepayment of letters.

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NEWFOUNDLAND FISH AND FISH OILS.

A bill having been introduced into Parliament, providing for the admission of Fish and Fish Oils inspected in Newfoundland, to the markets of Canada, without further inspection, your Council petitioned the Government, setting forth the injury to our own fishermen, and praying that the said Bill might not become law, and also praying for certain amendments to the existing Act.

This petition was placed in the hands of B. Verret, Esq., who kindly undertook to proceed to Ottawa, and who had an interview with the Minister of Inland Revenue, who acquiesced in the request contained in the former part of the petition, and the bill was withdrawn, but the portion of the petition which prayed that the existing law be amended, by "striking out that portion of Sub-section 3, of Clause 66, which provides for the admission at a nominal fee of Fish inspected and branded in Newfoundland," was not entertained.

The opportunity was also availed of to bring to the notice of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the existing high duty on the importation of our herrings into France, namely, thirteen shillings sterling per barrel, and asking the Government to use their influence towards obtaining an equal footing for Canadian Fish, with those of Great Britain, in the French market.

The Dominion Government has recently replied, that their representations have been laid before the Earl of Derby, with a request that the subject might receive consideration in the negotiations then pending with France for a new commercial treaty.

INSPECTION OF FISH AND FISH OILS.

Two petitions of merchants, fishermen and others, addressed to the Government, and praying for the establish-

ment of Bonne Esperance and Etamamioux as inspection districts for Fish and Fish Oils, having been presented to the Board with a view of obtaining their co-operation therein, your Council considering that it would be in the interest of this branch of trade that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, addressed His Excellency the Governor-General on the subject, recommending the same to his favorable consideration.

DIFFERENTIAL DUTY ON CANADIAN BUILT VESSELS
IN FRANCE.

The Council have again had before them the important subject of "Differential Duty on Canadian built vessels registered in France," and on the 12th of June last forwarded a petition to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, praying that the influence of the Dominion Government might be brought to bear in procuring an equality of footing in France for vessels built in the Dominion with those constructed in Great Britain, and subsequently the Council wrote to the St. John Board of Trade, communicating what action had already taken place and asking their co-operation with the Dominion Government towards obtaining the desired end.

CULLERS' PETITION.

A memorial to the Honble. Minister of Inland Revenue from 15 square timber Cullers, praying that their salary be increased from seven hundred dollars to one thousand dollars each, and accompanied by numerous signed recommendations from Lumbermen, Merchants and others, was presented to the Board, asking their support in behalf of the desired object. Your Council being of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners was reasonable, endorsed the said petition recommending it to the favorable consideration of the Government.

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COMMITTEE ON CULLERS' ACT.

The Council being strongly impressed with the necessity of important changes in the act regulating the working of the Cullers' Office, named a committee "to take into consideration the present working of the Cullers' Act, and the desirability of certain changes therein," and it may be well to state that after much consideration they have adopted suggestions for certain amendments and submitted them for the consideration and co-operation of the Ottawa Board of Trade, prior to reporting finally on their labors.

CULLERS' BILL.

The Council having noticed a Bill before Parliament intitled "An act to amend the act respecting the culling and measuring of timber," by which certain changes in the tariff for measuring timber were proposed, and a salary of seven hundred dollars per annum for the Timber Cullers was fixed.

Petitioned the several branches of the Legislature at Ottawa, to the following effect, on 7th April last :

1st. "That the reduction in charges for measuring be "not limited to white and red pine timber, but should be "extended to hardwood, deals, boards, staves and all other "lumber."

2nd. "That hitherto the rotation system has worked very "badly, but that if it be decided by the House to retain it, "this Council is of opinion, that a salary of seven hundred "dollars is not sufficient to secure the services of efficient "men, looking at the necessary expenses they must incur "in the performance of their duties, and recommending that "a salary of one thousand dollars be granted."

3rd. "That the men to be retained for duty should be selected by the Board of Examiners."

The Council regret that the Government did not deem expedient to adopt any of the proposed changes.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

Messrs. R. R. Dobell, A. Joseph, and A. Woods were elected as delegates to the annual meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade held recently at Ottawa, and the thanks of this Board are due for their attendance at the session, and attention paid to the several subjects placed under their care.

The following subjects were submitted by them:—

1st. "The establishment of telegraphic communication from the mainland to the Island of Anticosti, and thence to some point in the Straits of Belle Isle."

2nd. "That the Dominion Government be urged to take such action as may result in securing the right of Canadian vessels to navigate American Canals."

3rd. "The desirability of communicating with the Associated Chambers of Commerce in England, with a view of obtaining their assistance in organizing a confederation of representatives from the Boards of Trade of the dependencies of Great Britain, to meet in London once a year, or as often as may be considered advisable, with the object of drawing closer the trade relations between the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Empire."

4th. "The question of pilotage in the River St. Lawrence."

It is not necessary to recapitulate here the proceedings which took place at the meeting as they will be found in full in the annual report of the Dominion Board recently distributed to each member of this Corporation. The Council have pleasure in noticing the appointment of A. Joseph, Esq., as President of the Dominion Board, and of Messrs. R. R. Dobell and A. Woods, the other delegates from this Board, as members of the Executive Council.

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QUEBEC, MONTREAL, OTTAWA & OCCIDENTAL RAILWAY.

At a meeting of the Council, held on the 24th January, a resolution was adopted expressing the desirability of the construction of the loop line of railway from Terrebonne to Ste. Thérèse, and copies of the same were forwarded to the city members of the Provincial Parliament, asking their support towards obtaining the adoption of this route. And a special general meeting of the Board was called for the 4th February, "for the purpose of considering important matters in connection with the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway," when a resolution was passed favoring the construction of the line from Terrebonne to Ste. Thérèse, instead of from Terrebonne direct to Montreal.

This resolution was ordered to be presented to the Government by a deputation from the Board, composed of Weston Hunt, A. Woods, M. Stevenson, A. D. Webster, A. Joseph, R. Brodie and H. Dinning.

The deputation waited on the Government by appointment, and were courteously received by the Premier and his colleagues. Having submitted the resolution with which they were charged, and after some conversation on the subject, the deputation were informed that a reply in writing would be given, and of which the following is a copy :—

TO WESTON HUNT, ESQUIRE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

GENTLEMEN,

"The resolutions of the Quebec Board of Trade, which were passed on the 5th February, instant, and communicated to myself and colleagues on the 7th have been carefully considered. They would seem to invite the Government to consider the propriety of making certain changes

“in the line of the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, so as to secure a cheaper and more direct route communicating from Quebec to Ottawa and the West.”

“Were the Government quite free to consider the question as an abstract one, entirely unrestrained by any pre-existing legislation or pre-existing contracts it is quite possible that the route you point out would be found to be the shorter one between Quebec and Ottawa.”

“Your Board however is respectfully informed that under the existing legislation, whereby the Government is obliged to construct a line of railway from deep water in the Port of Quebec, *via* the City of Montreal to some point in the County of Pontiac suitable to cross the Ottawa, to connect with the Georgian Bay branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, it is impossible now to make any such deviation as is proposed.”

“The grants, or rather stock subscriptions, of the City of Quebec and of Montreal, are based upon distinct and well defined engagements with the Railway companies to which they were originally made, engagements which were subsequently accepted by the Government when it assumed the work; the one with the former providing for a line from Quebec to Montreal, the latter for one from Montreal to Hull. Reference to the terms and conditions of the by-law under which these subscriptions were made will establish these facts, and moreover, when the Executive in 1875 assumed the construction of the work, it was only undertaking to carry into effect enterprises which had originally been determined upon and respecting which engagements existed, as I have stated, between the Municipal Corporations and the old North Shore and Northern Colonization Railway Companies. The former company had undertaken to build a road

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“ between this city and Montreal, and the latter to build a
“ road between Montreal and Hull, having their points of
“ junction in the north eastern end of the City of Montreal ;
“ and, I may add, that these undertakings between these
“ respective Railway Corporations and the Municipalities
“ had been solemnly ratified by the Legislature and given
“ the force of law.”

“ Under such circumstances, it is, as I have said, impos-
“ sible for the Government to alter the original compact
“ between these Corporations and the public, under which
“ the aid, to which I have before referred, was promised
“ by the Corporation of this city in 1870, and by Montreal
“ in 1872, a compact which the Government are now in
“ duty bound to carry out.”

“ I may say, in conclusion, that it is the intention of the
“ Government to carry out the original arrangements with
“ these Corporations and the public, and to construct its
“ line in accordance with them.”

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

(Signed,)

C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE.

A Bill intituled “An Act respecting the Quebec, Montreal,
Ottawa and Occidental Railway ” was brought before Parlia-
ment, having for its object, the enforcement of claims by
the Government against the several interested municipalities,
and your council considering the provisions of the Bill to
be injurious to the credit of the municipality of the City of
Quebec, as well as unjust, inasmuch as the Government
through an engineer would become sole judge as to the
fulfilment of the engagements of said municipalities, leaving
no recourse to be had to the Courts of Law, deemed it to be
their duty to memorialize the Lieutenant-Governor and the
Legislative Council praying that they would disallow the
said Bill.

DIRECT TAXATION.

A certain Bill intituled "An Act to impose a stamp duty on contract notes, and on certain deeds and instruments," being under the consideration of the Legislature, a resolution was passed at the Quarterly General Meeting of the Board, on 6th February last, to the following effect, "That the Council be instructed to use all their influence in opposition to the scheme of taxation on commercial transactions recently presented by the Local Government, on the ground that it will weigh unfairly on the trade of the Province," and your council duly petitioned the several branches of Legislature in conformity with the above.

HARBOR WORKS.

The works of the Harbor Commission have been commenced and considerable progress made during the past season, and it is a matter of congratulation that notwithstanding continued depression in trade, the revenue for this year shews an increase of \$10,428.70 on that for 1876.

The annual return of the Commission shewing entries inward from all parts of the Dominion, gives the number of trips made by steamers, schooners, barges and batteaux as 4,502, employing 18,870 men, and representing an aggregate of 365,395 tons, as against 4,277 vessels, 23,116 men, and 246,424 tons in 1876.

HARBOR COMMISSION.

In accordance with Act Vict. 39, Chap. 39, Section 2, providing for the election of a commissioner to represent the Quebec Board of Trade on the Harbor Commission; a ballot was taken on 6th August last, and R. R. Dobell, Esq., was re-elected for the term of three years.

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INSOLVENT ACT.

A circular was lately received from the Dominion Board of Trade asking the views of the several Boards of Trade as to the expediency of any changes in the Insolvent Act; but as the time in office of the present Council was so short it was thought best to leave the question for the consideration of their successors.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

The various Boards of Examiners for Flour, Ashes, Leather, Beef and Pork, Wheat and other Grain, Butter, Fish and Fish Oils, Petroleum, and Weigher, Measurer and Guager have been duly elected.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS, CULLERS' OFFICE.

At the request of the Supervisor of Cullers, a ballot took place for an Examiner for the Cullers' Board, to replace Hon. John Sharples, deceased, and resulted in the election of James Connolly, Esq.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS, PORT WARDEN'S OFFICE.

Messrs. Weston Hunt, R. H. Smith, John Ross, O. Murphy and H. Fry were unanimously re-elected as a Board of Examiners for the office of Port Warden.

STANDARD SAMPLES OF FLOUR AND MEAL.

The usual meeting of the Boards of Examiners for Flour and Meal was held at Montreal, on the 3rd October last, in accordance with Act 37 Vict., Chap. 45, Sec. 25, for the purpose of choosing and approving standard samples of the several grades.

R. Brodie, Esq., one of the Examiners for this Board, was present.

WOODEN BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Your Council regret to see, after such a large outlay has been made by the Municipality of the City of Quebec in opening up Dalhousie street, that the erection of wooden buildings is permitted thereon.

MARINE HOSPITAL.

Two letters having appeared in the MORNING CHRONICLE of the 27th and 30th July last, signed by the master and a seaman of the barque "Sebastopol," complaining of mal-administration in the working of that institution, your Council addressed the Commissioners, enquiring into the facts of the cases, and are happy to state that the reply of their Secretary relieves the Executive Officers of the Hospital from censure.

COPIES OF ANNUAL RETURNS RECEIVED.

Returns have been received for the past year, from the Inspectors for Fish and Fish Oils, Flour and Meal, Beef and Pork, and Leather.

BLUE BOOKS.

The thanks of the Board are due to the distributing department at Ottawa, to A. P. Caron, Esq., M.P., and to Jos. Shehyn, Esq., M.P.P., for their attention in furnishing parliamentary returns; to J. W. Dunscomb, Esq., Collector of Customs, and to the Harbor Commissioners for other official data relating to the imports and exports of the Port of Quebec, and to Jos. B. Forsyth, Esq., for permission to use his valuable annual circular in the compilation of the comparative statement of lumber which is on the table.

Thanks are also due to Hon. Ed. Young, chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, for his kindness in furnishing his valuable reports of statistics of the imports and exports of the United States.

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VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL.

A. Joseph, Esq., having resigned his position as Councilor, and being prevented by numerous engagements from acquiescing in the desire of the Council to remain in office, a ballot took place to fill the vacancy, and resulted in the election of F. M. Audet, Esq.

BOARD ROOMS.

The Council have for some years past been desirous of moving from their old rooms, to some more suitable place, and have pleasure in stating that arrangements have been made with the authorities of the Quebec Exchange for accommodation in their building, and your Council believe that the change made will be generally approved of.

NEW MEMBERS.

Francis Gunn, Esq., and J. H. Wade, Esq., have been elected members of the Corporation.

DEATHS.

Your Council regret much to have to record the removal by death of one of its members—Isaac Drum, Esq.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer's account is on the table, also the minute books, correspondence, and other returns for the past year.

EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRY AT NEW SOUTH WALES.

The thanks of the Board are due to the Honble. John Young, for copies of his valuable report as Canadian Commissioner to the Exhibition of Industry, held at Sydney, New South Wales, in 1877.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

WESTON HUNT,

President.

(Signed,) F. H. ANDREWS,

Secretary.

Quebec, 1st April, 1878.

The President, before presenting the report for adoption, alluded to a few of the subjects contained therein, remarking that the completion of telegraphic communication from Matane to Fox River, was a most important one. From Cape Gaspé to Quebec there would be something like 20 stations, affording an opportunity of reporting the position of a vessel every two hours on her way up the river; it would also be of great importance to Pilots, as well as to the Officials at Rimouski, who would be informed of the approach of the Mail Steamers, and know when to despatch the tender to meet them and thus avoid any chance of delay.

This undertaking, in reality a Dominion work, and for which the Dominion Government had made a grant of fifteen thousand dollars, has always been of deep interest to the Quebec Board of Trade, and they have never failed, as opportunity offered, in using their best endeavors to further the object; and in connection with this scheme, he would mention that he had numerous interviews with Dr. Fortin, whose unremitting endeavors for the promotion of the object had been highly conducive towards its attainment.

He stated that it was gratifying to find that the works under the Harbor Commission were progressing favorably, and that next year would see them almost completed.

In alluding to the action of the Board with reference to the route of the "Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway," he desired members to study the report of the Railway Commissioners and judge for themselves the benefits to be derived by the construction of a loop line from Terrebonne to Ste. Thérèse, and he trusted that the incoming Council would devote their attention to the furtherance of this important enterprise, without which the expensive improvements in progress in our Harbor would be comparatively useless.

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He reminded the Board that the Government had the authority this year to re-arrange the conditions on which timber licenses were issued, and added that some measures ought to be adopted for the protection of hemlock timber, a great portion of which was being destroyed by tearing off the bark for tanning purposes, and concluded by moving the adoption and printing of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Simon Peters and carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read, shewing a balance of \$64.54 on hand, and it was resolved, that the Treasurer's report be received and adopted.

F. H. Andrews was then ballotted for and elected a member of the Board.

Moved by R. R. Dobell, seconded by A. D. Webster.

That Messrs. J. H. Clint and J. S. Crawford, be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.—Carried.

It was then resolved that Messrs. J. H. Clint and J. S. Crawford be appointed Scrutineers to examine the Ballot and report to the meeting.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and the scrutineers announced the Ballot to be as follows :

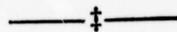
- President*.....Joseph Shehyn, M.P.P.
Vice-President.....R. H. Smith.
Treasurer.....H. W. Welch.
Council.....R. R. Dobell,
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W. Rae,
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J. H. Clint,
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H. Fry.

The Board of Arbitration was then Ballotted for, and the scrutineers announced

- A. Fraser,
- R. R. Dobell,
- A. D. Webster,
- Weston Hunt,
- J. Connolly,
- A. Woods,
- S. Peters,
- W. Rae,
- J. H. Clint,

elected ; but as the next 6 names on the list were ties, having 3 votes each, and when the scrutineers had closed their report, there was not a quorum present, the election of 3 additional members required to complete the Board of Arbitration was postponed to the next Quarterly General Meeting, to be held on the 1st May, 1878.

On motion of J. H. Clint the thanks of the Meeting were tendered to the retiring Officers and Council in appreciation of their services rendered during the past year. The meeting then adjourned at 2.30 P.M.



STATEMENT of Beef and Pork inspected at the Port of Quebec, during the years ending 31st December, 1876 and 1877.

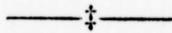
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Mess.....	768 Barrels.	598 Barrels.
Prime Mess.....	168 "	88 "
Rejected	52 "	12 "
	<u>968 Barrels.</u>	<u>698 Barrels.</u>

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PORK.	1876.	1877.
Mess.....	5,239 Barrels.	4,448 Barrels.
Prime Mess.....	336 “	677 “
Extra Prime.....	354 “	679 “
Thin Mess.....	403 “	474 “
Rejected	183 “	175 “
	<u>6,515 Barrels.</u>	<u>6,453 Barrels.</u>

D. NOLAN,
Beef and Pork Inspector.



STATEMENT of Flour inspected at Quebec, during the years
ending 31st December, 1876 and 1877.

FLOUR.	1876.	1877.
Superior Extra.....	1,426 Barrels.	1,311 Barrels.
Extra Superfine.....	1,162 “	953 “
Fancy Superfine.....	375 “	829 “
Spring Extra	46,236 “	31,791 “
Superfine	3,528 “	1,762 “
Fine.....	3,937 “	3,047 “
Middlings	,2106 “	1,081 “
Pollards.....	13 “	68 “
Strong Bakers.....	1,167 “	671 “
Sour.....	180 “ “
Rejected	4,385 “	2,314 “
	<u>64,515 Barrels.</u>	<u>43,827 Barrels.</u>

BENJ. ROUSSEAU,
Inspector of Flour and Meal.

**STATEMENT of Fish and Fish Oils, inspected within the
inspection division of Quebec, during the years ending
31st December, 1876 and 1877.**

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"	" 3	13	262	150	1				
"	Rusty		49	51	2				
"	Sour		72	6					
"	Refuse		1	1					
Herrings	No. 1		4,714	11,202	304	418			
"	" 2		689	703	20	85			
"	" 3		17	247		30			
"	Rusty		62	256	2	38			
"	Sour		83	118		2			
"	Refuse		14	11					
Newfoundland									
Herrings			5,145	5,262	231	453			
Green Codfish	No. 1		5,439	8,468	22	55	1,880	2,313	
"	" 2		1,860	1,861	8	21	103	217	
"	Sour			47		1			
"	Refuse		54	165	1	3	17	29	
Sea Trout	No. 1		42	86	7	6			
"	" 2		10	9	1	3			
"	" 3		4	3	1				
"	Rusty			1					
"	Sour			1					
Haddock	No. 1		24	10	1	1			
Halibut	" 1		9	8	1				
"	" 2		1	1					
Mackerel	" 1		7	75	1	1			
"	" 2			62		1			
"	" 3		3	2					
Shad	" 1		8						
"	" 2		2						
Sardines	" 1		61	32		1			
"	Tinets					47			
Smoked Herrings	No. 1		945	889					
"	Rusty		28						
Codfish Sounds	No. 1		12	5	9	1			
Other Fish				256		45			
Eels	No. 1		476		3				
"	" 2				1				
"	" 3				1				
Ling	" 1		8						
		97	21,165	31,011	637	1219	2,000	2,559	

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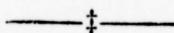
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OILS.		Tierces.		Barrel	
		1876	1877	1876	1877
Cod.....	A.....	781	1,039	410	629
".....	B.....	5	26	2	16
Whale.....	Pale.....	3	2	2
".....	Straw.....	1	36	4	4
Seal.....	Strictly Pale.....	9	.....	2	.....
".....	Pale.....	178	293	21	27
".....	Straw.....	318	538	74	126
".....	Brown.....	93	93	16	40
".....	Dark Brown.....	46	41	7	6
Porpoise.....	Pale.....	18	.....	4	1
".....	Straw.....	41	3	6	2
".....	Brown.....	3	.....	1	.....
Mixed.....	A.....	3	1	5	.....
Herring.....	A.....	.....	7	.....	5
Other Fish Oil.....	.....	34	8	6	5
		1,533	2,087	560	861

JOHN AULD,
Inspector of Fish and Fish Oils.



STATEMENT of Leather and Raw Hides inspected at Quebec, during the years ending 31st December, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877
Inspected, Sides Sole Leather.....	51,873	19,826
Measured, do Upper do	12,735	14,065
Inspected, Raw Hides.....	15,437	9,335

REMARKS ON 1876.—The large dimunition in quantity of sides of Upper Leather is attributable to heavy stocks remaining on hand from former years. The supply of Sole Leather, as well as Canadian Raw Hides, approximates to an average of a few preceding years.

Raw Hides have not been received for inspection this year from the United States as during former years.

A. FORTIN,
Inspector.

INCLUDED in the foregoing Statement are the Vessels that have Loaded and Cleared from the following outports: -

	1876.		1877.	
	Ves- sels.	Tons.	Ves- sels.	Tons.
Chicoutimi.....	29	16689	27	17945
Tadoussac.....	3	1258	5	8215
Escoumains.....	14	6799	1	217
Sault-au-Cochon.....	4	2061	8	4441
Betslamits.....	6	2886	13	9406
Total	56	29084	54	35278

PORT OF QUEBEC.

RETURN of the number of vessels entered inwards and outwards at this port, from 1849 to 1877, inclusive:

Year.	Inwards.	Outwards.
1849.....	1184.....	1243
1850.....	1196.....	1275
1851.....	1300.....	1394
1852.....	1234.....	1270
1853.....	1351.....	1406
1854.....	1416.....	1558
1855.....	750.....	853
1856.....	1006.....	1083
1857.....	1283.....	1355
1858.....	1007.....	1058
1859.....	970.....	1051
1860.....	1252.....	1293
1861.....	1571.....	1534
1862.....	1347.....	1319
1863.....	1661.....	1785
1864.....	1425.....	1561
1865.....	1396.....	1517
1866.....	1300.....	1410
1867.....	1211.....	1252
*1868.....	958.....	1038
1869.....	993.....	993
1870.....	1004.....	1007
1871.....	886.....	899
1872.....	1013.....	1030
1873.....	892.....	875
1874.....	1018.....	1050
1875.....	823.....	819
1876.....	976.....	987
1877.....	982.....	992

*Confederation.—All vessels trading to and from the Lower Provinces were up to this date included, but not since that year.

RETURN showing the opening of the navigation at the Port of Quebec, in each year, from 1830 to 1877 inclusively; also, the date of closing thereof during that period:

Years.	Arrivals from Montreal Steamers.	Arrivals from Sea. Ships.	Sailed for Sea.	Date.		
				Date.	Date.	Date.
1830.....	April 17.....	April 26.....	Dec. 4			
1831.....	" 21.....	" 16.....	Nov. 30			
1832.....	" 29.....	May 4.....	" 30			
1833.....	" 18.....	" 10.....	" 25			
1834.....	" 18.....	" 6.....	" 24			
1835.....	May 4.....	" 2.....	" 25			
1836.....	" 11.....	" 11.....	" 26			
1837.....	" 1.....	April 29.....	" 18			
1838.....	April 28.....	May 3.....	" 20			
1839.....	" 21.....	" 8.....	" 23			
1840.....	" 19.....	April 25.....	" 29			
1841.....	May 1.....	" 29.....	" 28			
1842.....	April 21.....	May 3.....	" 28			
1843.....	May 5.....	April 18.....	" 28			
1844.....	April 24.....	May 3.....	" 23			
1845.....	" 25.....	" 1.....	" 26			
1846.....	" 17.....	April 24.....	" 27			
1847.....	May 8.....	May 8.....	" 26			
1848.....	April 6.....	" 1.....	" 21			
1849.....	" 25.....	April 28.....	" 25			
1850.....	" 25.....	" 28.....	" 23			
1851.....	" 22.....	" 20.....	" 29			
1852.....	" 30.....	" 15.....	Dec. 4			
1853.....	" 23.....	" 24.....	Nov. 26			
1854.....	May 5.....	" 29.....	" 29			
1855.....	" 6.....	May 6.....	" 22			
1856.....	April 27.....	April 20.....	" 23			
1857.....	" 17.....	" 28.....	" 24			
1858.....	" 18.....	" 29.....	" 25			
1859.....	" 22.....	" 29.....	" 28			
1860.....	" 26.....	" 28.....	" 26			
1861.....	" 26.....	" 22.....	" 26			
1862.....	" 30.....	" 16.....	" 29			
1863.....	May 3.....	May 4.....	" 27			
1864.....	April 21.....	April 27.....	" 30			
1865.....	" 21.....	" 29.....	" 28			
1866.....	" 26.....	" 28.....	Dec. 1			
1867.....	May 3.....	" 17.....	Nov. 29			
1868.....	April 28.....	" 23.....	" 28			
1869.....	" 30.....	" 27.....	" 27			
1870.....	" 25.....	" 16.....	Dec. 2			
1871.....	" 18.....	" 22.....	Nov. 27			
1872.....	May 6.....	" 30.....	" 26			
1873.....	" 2.....	" 28.....	" 22			
1874.....	" 10.....	" 28.....	" 25			
1875.....	" 9.....	" 29.....	" 23			
1876.....	" 9.....	May 6.....	" 24			
1877.....	April 26.....	April 25.....	" 28			

CUSTOM HOUSE, Quebec, 1st April, 1878.

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PORT OF QUEBEC.

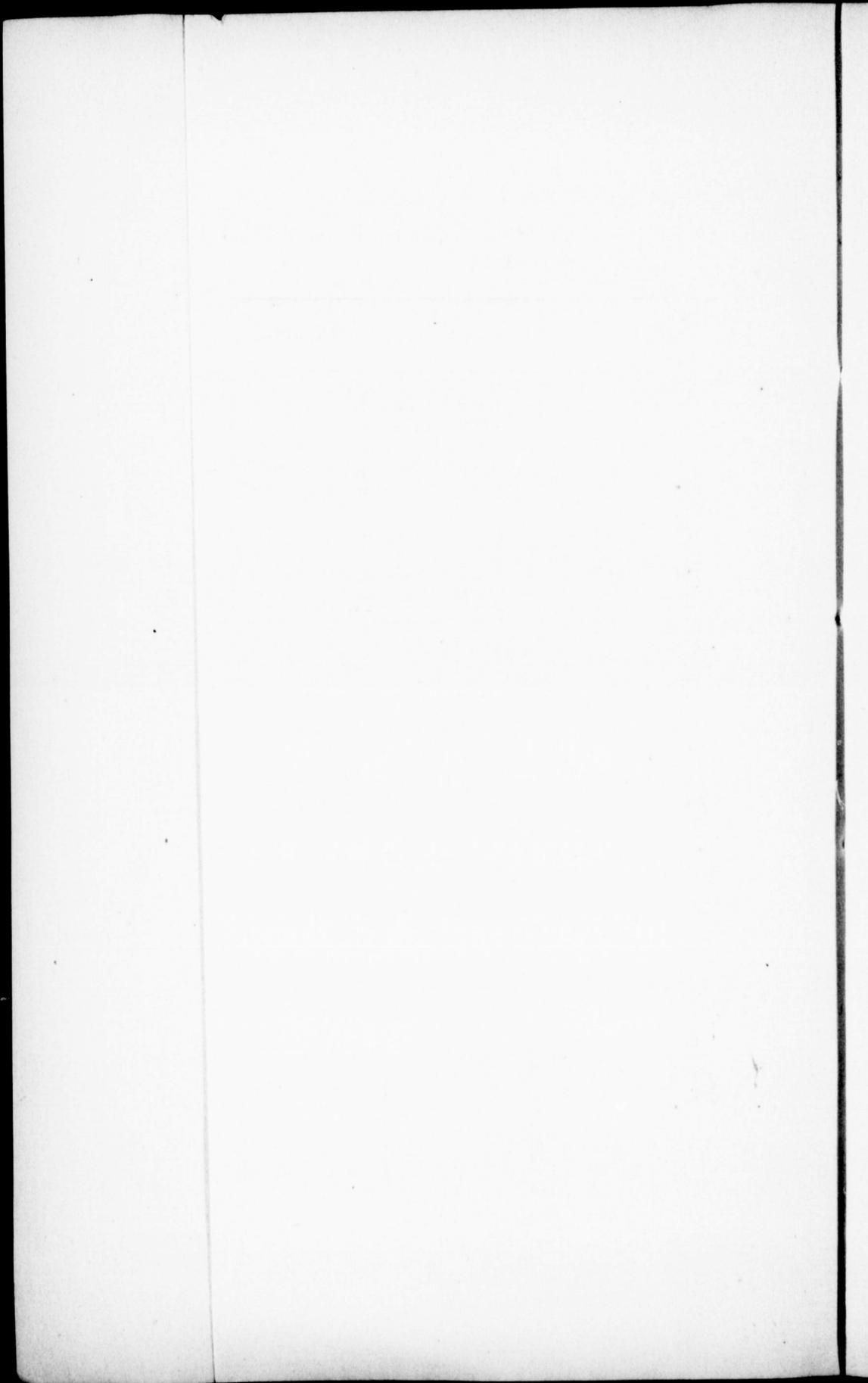
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number and tonnage of Sailing Vessels and Steamers, with the number of men employed, entered Inwards and Outwards, for the years ending on the 30th November, 1876 and 1877; shewing the countries from whence they came and for which they cleared, whether with cargo or in ballast; also, distinguishing the countries to which they belonged:

(Compiled by Mr. N. L. G. BELLEAU, of H. M. Customs.)

	1876.			1877.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.
Total Vessels arrived.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919
Vessels with Cargoes.....	424	420514	12377	403	409566	11267
Do in ballast.....	552	403612	8782	579	462534	9652
Total.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919
Number of Steamers.....	107	171364	6803	100	100383	5975
Do Sailing Vessels.....	869	652762	14356	882	771717	14944
Total.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919
British Vessels.....	618	599468	15998	655	674947	16585
Foreign Do.....	358	224718	5161	297	197153	4334
Total.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919
UNDER WHAT FLAGS.						
British.....	618	599468	15998	685	674947	16585
Norwegian and Swedish.....	315	201826	4576	255	172762	3741
German Empire.....	24	12086	316	23	11456	300
U. States.....	1	593	11	6	4797	93
French.....	7	2534	82	1	739	18
Belgian.....	1	792	16	3	1881	53
Russian.....	2	1155	31	3	2928	96
Danish.....	4	4044	76	4	1238	45
Italian.....	1	439	11	1	742	15
Portuguese.....	2	699	28	1	610	13
Austrian.....	1	530	14	1	610	13
Spanish.....	1	530	14	1	610	13
Total.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919
WHENCE ARRIVED.						
United Kingdom.....	756	689507	18025	785	746063	18051
Newfoundland.....	20	2382	157	19	1927	135
St. Pierre Miquelon.....	3	1060	36	3	1156	37
United States.....	5	3467	78	8	7220	145
B. West Indies.....	38	23244	570	38	26792	567
France.....	19	13769	300	14	13556	259
Spain.....	7	2802	82	10	3959	124
Portugal.....	6	11688	253	21	16333	379
Holland.....	6	4470	89	11	7146	161
Belgium.....	17	18664	278	15	11474	243
Norway and Sweden.....	67	42912	991	47	32201	704
Russia.....	1	588	19	1	588	19
Denmark.....	1	1439	21	1	1439	21
South America.....	10	7615	161	3	1662	37
Italy.....	1	611	14	1	611	14
Mexico.....	1	567	13	1	567	13
Gibraltar.....	1	356	10	1	377	10
Africa.....	1	356	10	2	1478	32
Brazil.....	1	356	10	2	1478	32
Total.....	976	824126	21159	982	872100	20919

	1876.			1877.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.	Vessels.	Tons.	Men.
Total Vessels cleared.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629
Vessels with Cargoes.....	986	793913	20141	990	868429	20607
Do in ballast.....	1	63	10	2	588	22
Total.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629
Number of Steamers.....	87	143723	5757	86	143968	5128
Do of Sailing Vessels.....	900	650253	14394	906	720048	15501
Total.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629
British Vessels.....	650	592951	15345	700	672896	16440
Foreign Do.....	337	201025	4806	292	191121	4189
Total.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629
UNDER WHAT FLAGS.						
British.....	650	592951	15345	700	672896	16440
Norwegian and Swedish.....	290	178573	4205	245	164899	3568
German Empire.....	21	9315	261	22	11332	281
U. States.....	7	2066	66	10	5729	121
French.....	7	2533	82	1	739	21
Belgian.....	1	792	16	1	1093	19
Russian.....	3	1601	45	3	1904	43
Danish.....	4	4044	77	3	2928	54
Italian.....	1	439	12	1	400	11
Portuguese.....	2	699	26	5	1497	55
Austrian.....	1	530	14	1	610	13
Spanish.....	1	530	14	1	610	13
Total.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629
FOR WHAT COUNTRY.						
United Kingdom.....	899	771803	19203	895	829692	19634
Newfoundland.....	49	5407	326	40	4730	277
St. Pierre Miquelon.....	5	452	28	3	337	18
British W. Indies.....	1	99	6	1	99	6
France.....	8	3255	96	7	4945	107
Spain.....	2	2647	30	3	1328	35
Belgium.....	1	976	18	6	5108	99
Holland.....	10	2524	92	2	1398	31
Portugal.....	1	1161	27	11	3712	113
Germany.....	1	567	13	2	1299	27
Norway and Sweden.....	1	349	12	1	349	12
Finland.....	1	488	12	1	488	12
South America.....	7	3916	93	11	5091	130
Africa.....	1	356	10	1	310	8
Peru.....	1	584	14	2	1404	30
Isle of Man.....	1	919	9	1	919	9
Gibraltar.....	1	233	9	3	379	21
Australia.....	2	1867	37	2	2861	53
Greenland.....	1	377	10	2	588	22
Total.....	987	793976	20151	992	864017	20629

N. B.—Flags.—Under the German Empire are included vessels of Prussia, Hamburg, Bremen, Mecklenberg, &c.



STATEMENT of Sea-going Vessels building at the Port of
Quebec, 31st March, 1878.

BY WHOM BUILDING.	TONNAGE.	STATE OF PROGRESS.
J. E. Gingras.....	1,300	Planked.
do	1,000	Planking.
Samson & Co.....	1,400	Framed.
Oliver	100	Planked.
F. X. Marquis	1,200	Planking.
W. Charland, Jr.....	800	do.
P. V. Valin.....	1,250	Planked.
do	1,000	do.
P. Baldwin	1,250	Finishing.
G. Samson.....	1,275	Planking.
W. Charland.....	1,100	Planked
	11,675	

Built in 1874.....	14 Vessels.	14,588 Tons.
do 1875.....	15 do	14,270 do.
do 1876	16 do	15,214 do.
do 1877.....	20 do	18,371 do.
In course of construction on 31st March, 1878.....	11 do	11,675 do.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Revenue of the Quebec
Harbour Commission, for the years 1876 and 1877.

—	1876.	1877.	—
Tonnage Dues.....	\$34,869 02	\$40,816 90	\$5,947 88 Increase.
Import do	4,001 02	2,787 69	1,213 33 Decrease.
Export do	12,996 19	10,957 88	2,038 31 do
Harbour do	4,032 73	3,913 76	118 97 do
Property Revenue	23,930 00	24,951 62	1,021 62 Increase.
Interest		2,980 13	
Sundries		138 31	
B. & D. Water Lots	2,483 62	2,482 87	3,117 69 Increase.
Total.....	\$83,312 58	\$89,029 16	\$6,716 58 Increase.

In the Comparative Statement furnished for the years 1875 and 1876, amounts of \$1,192.79 in Imports, and \$2,519.33 in Exports, in all \$3,712.12, were credited as belonging to the year 1876; these amounts were paid in January, 1876, and formed part of the Revenue of the year 1875, being in settlement of lightened cargoes, and should therefore have gone to the credit of that year; making this deduction from the year 1876, would leave the gross income for 1877, \$10,428.70.

JAMES WOODS,
Chief Clerk.

Harbour Commissioners' Office,)
Quebec, 21st March, 1878.)

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**EXTRACTS from Quebec Harbor Commissioners' Returns
for the years 1876 and 1877.**

	1876.	1877.
Number of trips made by Steamers, Schooners, Barges, and Batteaux, from all parts of the Dominion to the Port of Quebec, during the years.....	4,277	4,502
Number of men employed.....	23,116	18,870
Aggregate Tonnage.....	246,426	365,395
Passengers.....	.....	75,309

IMPORTS of the following articles were in :

	1876.	1877.
Apples.....Barrels.....	21,693	8,142
“.....Bags.....	.....	1,104
Bark.....Cords.....	2,556	7,133
Barley.....Bushels.....	37,595	10,729
Butter.....Tubs and Kegs.....	1,953	1,739
“.....lbs.....	277,615	197,104
Bricks.....Mille.....	8,585	8,164
Cattle.....	49	1,617
Cows.....	28	270
Coals.....Tons.....	7,050	4,038
Coal Tar.....Barrels.....	.....	796
Canada Plates.....Boxes.....	2,684	2,095
Corn.....Bushels.....	23,451	106,860
Corn and Corn Meal.....Bags.....	2,822	7,759
“ “ “ “.....Barrels.....	215	946
“ “ “ “.....Boxes.....	410	425
Calves.....	1,333	283
Cheese.....Boxes and Barrels.....	5,806	3,874
Cod Oil.....Gallons.....	48,922	46,812
Deals.....	2,890,703	2,011,670
Flour.....Barrels.....	120,062	153,782
“.....Bags.....	75,988	77,336
“.....Boxes.....	442	.....
Fish, green.....Barrels.....	6,288	3,952
“ “.....Cwt.....	1,486	791
“ dry.....“.....	1,559	2,783
Flax Seed.....Bags.....	281	377
“ “.....Boxes.....	22	13
“ “.....Barrels.....	1,438	784
Hides, green and dry.....	13,102	19,378
“ “ “ “.....lbs.....	14,192	300
“ dry.....Bales.....	10	82
“.....Packages.....	147	101
“.....Tons.....	99	.....

	1876.	1877.
Hay.....	Bundles..... 360,533	106,950
Herrings.....	Barrels..... 4,887	7,220
Leather.....	lbs..... 12,411	13,880
“.....	Cases..... 86	105
“.....	Barrels..... 2	.....
“.....	Bales..... 477	356
“.....	Rolls..... 2,139	3,019
“.....	Packages..... 336	527
“.....	Crates..... 55	14
“.....	Hhds..... 4	.....
Leather Board.....	Packages..... 645	430
Lard.....	Packages..... 11	.....
“.....	Cases..... 67	20
“.....	Tubs..... 130	13
“.....	Pails..... 889	2,053
“.....	Tierces..... 28	12
“.....	Baskets..... 150	.....
“.....	Kegs..... 58	.....
Lumber.....	Feet..... 970,166	48,787
“.....	Pieces..... 910	259,366
“ Oak.....	Feet..... 326,114	570,688
“ “ Plank.....	Pieces.....	1,533
“ “ “.....	Feet.....	169,586
“ “ Wainscots.....	“.....	442,897
“ Oak Timber.....	Pieces.....	300
“ Ash.....	Feet..... 214,364	25,263
“ “ Plank.....	Pieces.....	147
“ Spruce.....	Feet..... 64,092	.....
Linseed.....	Bushels..... 4,569	5,015
Maple Sugar.....	lbs..... 59,085	25,953
Mackerel	Barrels..... 1,032	109
Oats.....	Bushels..... 159,849	140,236
Oxen.....	..... 1,518	868
Oysters.....	Cases... 2,981	426
Plaster.....	Boxes..... 119	.....
“.....	Tons..... 896	270
“.....	Barrels..... 336	.....
Pork.....	Barrels..... 2,666	3,227
Pulp.....	lbs..... 40,100	39,306
Potatoes.....	Bushels..... 70,091	112,129
Peas.....	“..... 24,464	13,789
Sewing Machines.....	..... 599	479
“ “.....	Cases..... 150	3
“.....	..... 35	2
Salmon.....	..... 1,155	466
“.....	Barrels..... 584	915
“.....	Boxes..... 4,705	3,759
Shingles.....	Mille..... 658	622
“.....	Boxes.....	.....

	1876.	1877.
Seal Oil.....Gallons.....	8,590	41,397
Smoked Herrings.....Dozen.....	7,600	6,000
“ “Boxes.....	2,000	.....
“ “Barrels.....	16	16
Sardines.....Tinets.....	1,110	346
“Cases.....	56	76
“Barrels.....	99	133
Tar.....Barrels.....	490
Wood.....Cords.....	85,569	54,579
Wheat.....Bushels.....	17,749	538
Whale Oil.....Gallons.....	525

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