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# ANNUAL MEETING

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## QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

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The Annual General Meeting for the election of Officers, and the transaction of general business, was held at 2.30 o'clock, P.M., on Wednesday, 5th April, at the Board Room, Exchange Building.

The Chair was taken by the President, Joseph Shehyn, Esq., M.P.P.

The members present were :

H. W. Welch, *Treasurer* ;

W. Brodie,	W. Hunt,
J. S. Crawford,	T. Becket,
H. Dinning,	E. Beaudet, M.P.
F. Gunn,	T. Ledroit,
Hans Hagens,	R. Brodie,
J. McCorkell,	A. Thomson,
J. H. Clint,	J. B. Charleson,
A. Fraser,	John Glass,
J. Lane, Junr.,	F. Billingsley,
Simon Peters,	John Ross,
F. E. Hamel,	J. L. Gibb, and
M. Stevenson,	

F. H. Andrews, *Secretary*.

The Secretary read the advertisement in the MORNING CHRONICLE calling the meeting.

The minutes of the Quarterly General Meeting of 4th February last were then read and confirmed.

The following Annual Report of the Council was read by the Secretary :

## Annual Report of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade FOR THE YEAR 1879.

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The Council beg to submit the following Report of their labors during the past year.

### COTEAU BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

An application having been made to the Dominion Parliament "to amend the Act incorporating the Coteau and "Province Line Railroad and Bridge Company, and "Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company, "and amending Acts, and to amalgamate the said Companies," whereby the construction of a Bridge across the River St. Lawrence, at the Coteau Landing was contemplated, your Council being of opinion that the erection of such a structure would endanger the safety of the navigation of the River St. Lawrence, and seriously prejudice the carrying trade of the Dominion, took an early occasion to Petition Government that the Bill might not become law; and subsequently, on hearing that efforts were again on foot to carry the measure, addressed His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that he might be pleased to refuse his sanction to any measures in the direction indicated.

A Petition was also presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, praying him to use his influence in strengthening the hands of your Council in the premises.

### QUEBEC, MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND OCCIDENTAL RAILWAY.

A lease of the above line of railway having been contemplated by the Provincial Government, prior to the

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completion of the road, it was deemed advisable to address the authorities, setting forth the disadvantages which would obtain in leasing a line of railway before its working value could be ascertained, and strong representations were made by your Council to that effect ; and they have pleasure in stating, that the action of Government therein, resulted in accordance with the views held by the Council.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD STATION AT CHAUDIÈRE  
JUNCTION.

Tenders having been invited for the construction of a combined Passenger Station and Dining Saloon ; and a Shed for transferring freight at the Chaudière Junction, the effect of which, your Council were of opinion, would be damaging to the trade of Quebec, they appointed a deputation, who had an interview with the Hon. H. L. Langevin, M.P. ; after entering fully into the merits of the case, the deputation were assured of the cordial support of the Honorable Minister, and were advised to put themselves in connection with the Levis Board of Trade, with a view to united action. At a later date, a Committee of the two Boards met, and resolved to send a Joint Petition to the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals, showing that the continuation of the Intercolonial Railway from St. Charles Station *via* Indian Cove to some tide-water point opposite to the City of Quebec, would, when the Harbour Works are completed, make a direct connection with the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railroad, and form part of a through line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and be in the general interest of the whole Dominion ; and praying that the Government may see fit to cause the same to be constructed at an early day. The Government have acknowledged receipt of the Petition, and promised their consideration of the subject.

LOOP LINE OF RAILWAY FROM ST. MARTIN'S JUNCTION  
TO POINT ST. CLAIRE.

The desirability of the earliest possible connection by rail between the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railroad, and the Grand Trunk Railway by a loop line above named, being obvious, as it would increase the traffic on the former road through direct communication with the West, which, pending the completion of the Canada Pacific Railroad, would not be attained, your Council memorialized the three Branches of Provincial Legislature, praying that the Government might see fit to order the construction of this extension line at an early date; the matter is under consideration.

CANADA PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Considerable public interest having been manifested on the subject of the route now adopted for the above Road, through a lecture delivered in Quebec by General M. Butt Hewson, and having reference to his proposed new route, your Council, on solicitations made to them, invited this gentleman to deliver an address on his views before a meeting of the Board, at which the public were invited to attend, and when a resolution was passed asking the Council to address the Government praying that owing to the enormous outlay necessary to build that portion of the Canada Pacific Railroad from Thomson River Pass to Burrard Inlet, they may see fit to suspend issuing any contracts for that locality until they have caused surveys to be made (if not already done) of the route across the Rocky Mountains *via* Peace River, by which it is supposed an immense saving would take place.

In accordance with the resolution, the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals was addressed, in February last, and in reply the Council were informed that the matter was under the consideration of the Government. At a later

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date, your Council having observed that considerable anxiety and alarm existed throughout the Dominion in view of the immense outlays impending in connection with the Canada Pacific Railroad in the West and on the other side of the Rocky Mountains, your Council again addressed the Government, through petitions to the several branches of Legislature, praying that the Yale Kamloops contracts be annulled, and that construction for the present be confined to the completion of the line from Thunder Bay to Selkirk, and from Selkirk to the Western limit of the Province of Manitoba, and that further surveys be undertaken to set at rest the questions which have been raised, and to ensure the location of the Railway by the best possible route throughout its entire length. The Government have duly acknowledged receipt of the petition.

SURVEY OF WILD LANDS BETWEEN QUEBEC AND THE  
WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCE OF  
QUEBEC, NEAR JAMES' BAY.

With a view of developing the agricultural resources of the Province of Quebec, and encouraging and facilitating the colonization of its vast fertile districts, and in view of the possibility at no very distant date of the above region being located as an auxiliary to, or as a part of, the Canada Pacific Railroad, your Council addressed the Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Premier, humbly suggesting that surveys be made and information obtained, topographical and climatic, of the territory lying between Quebec and the Western boundary line, in the vicinity of Moose Fort, near James' Bay.

No move in the matter has as yet been officially announced.

RAILWAY BETWEEN LAKE NIPISSING AND SAULT  
STE. MARIE.

Among the various important measures which have had the attention of your Council, the construction of a Railway

between Lake Nipissing and Sault Ste. Marie, in their opinion, stands pre-eminent. They have petitioned Government in this direction, setting forth in detail some of the most beneficial effects to the carrying trade, Railway and other interests of the whole Dominion. By this line, in conjunction with a line in contemplation from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Sault Ste. Marie, and one from Duluth along Lake Superior to the Sault already partly built, a direct and early communication with Manitoba, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the great centres of American Railways and wheat-producing districts would be attained. These manifold advantages are enhanced in the fact that connection between the two last named places and Liverpool would be 577 miles shorter than by the present New York route, and also bring the Dominion Railroads a large amount of traffic at a much earlier day than can reasonably be looked for through the completion of the Canada Pacific Railroad. This subject is now under the consideration of the respective Houses of Parliament and the Privy Council.

#### DEEPENING LAKE ST. PETER.

Attention was called to a Petition from the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, asking the Dominion Government to be relieved from the burden and cost of deepening Lake St. Peter, and that the improvements be accepted as Public Works, and your Council being of opinion that as the Harbor Works, now in course of construction at Quebec, are assumed by the Quebec Commission, and the Shipping taxed therefor; and also, that when these works are completed, Quebec will offer largely increased facilities for the shipping of Western produce; and further, believing that the burden of deepening the Lake at the public expense, would not meet the wishes of the majority of the commercial communities of the Dominion, as well as be a great injustice to Quebec, petitioned Government not to grant any request made in any local interest having in

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effect the voting of Dominion funds towards deepening Lake St. Peter. In reply thereto, the Government have taken the subject under consideration. Your Council learning recently that efforts were again on foot in the same direction, towards making Montreal a free Port, have again drawn the attention of the Government to the views laid down in above Petition, and remonstrated strongly against any legislation tending to discriminate between Cities in the Dominion in the granting of public moneys for Harbor or other similar works.

COLONIZATION ROAD FROM SAULT-AU-COCHON TO POINTE  
DES MONTS.

Your Council, considering that the interests of the Province of Quebec would be promoted by a continuation of the colonization road along the North Shore of the St. Lawrence River, eastward of Sault-au-Cochon, and that most beneficial results would be realized in this encouragement of colonization, and the early settlement of the waste lands in the locality, and also serve indirectly as a preliminary aid towards the extension of telegraphic communication in the direction of the Gulf, named a deputation of their body who, accompanied by the Hon. Wm. Price, M.P.P., had an interview with the Hon. H. G. Joly, M.P.P., Minister of Public Works for the Province. The obvious advantages of a continuation of the Road in question were fully set forth, but the deputation were informed that no provision was made for such an outlay, and for the present it could not be entertained.

A second effort has recently been made in reference to this undertaking by a renewed application forwarded Hon. J. A. Chapleau, M.P.P., Premier. Nothing definite has been decided, and it is to be hoped that provision may be made therefor during the next session of Provincial Parliament.

LINE OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH ALONG THE NORTH SHORE  
OF THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE, FROM ITS PRESENT  
TERMINUS AT MURRAY BAY TOWARDS  
POINTE DES MONTS.

The Honorable Minister of Marine and Fisheries has been addressed by your Council in reference to this undertaking as one of importance to the shipping frequenting the St. Lawrence and to the country at large, and the construction of which would ultimately form part of or be auxiliary to and in furtherance of the general scheme of telegraphic communication along the River and Gulf now in course of progress, apart from being of the greatest present importance to the manufacturing establishments and settlers on the North Shore.

The receipt of the letter has been acknowledged.

TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR SEAMEN.

Schools for the training in nautical knowledge of youthful offenders and others, have been found productive of good effect in Great Britain, and your Council, with a view to similar results here, as stated in the last Annual Report, memorialized the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, praying that such an institution be opened in some Dominion port, and a hulk obtained if possible from the Imperial Government in furtherance of the project, but now regret that the reply shuts out hope of its adoption for the present, as they have stated that it would be attended with a large expenditure, for which no provision is made.

WHARF AT THE TRAVERSE, &c.

Your Council have had the above subject under their notice, and being of opinion that the construction of a permanent wharf at the Traverse, with lights thereon, would tend to ensure safer navigation of the St. Lawrence River in the spring and fall, and the cost of building and

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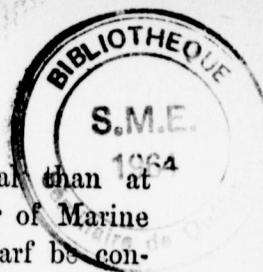
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maintenance of lights prove more economical than at present, memorialized the Honorable Minister of Marine and Fisheries, praying that a permanent wharf be constructed at the Traverse with two lights; also, that one of the light-ships at present in use there be placed at Barrett's ledge, opposite Rivière du Loup; that the other one be kept as a reserve in case of accident to others; and that the light-ships at Manicougan and Red Island be provided with screws, in order to enable them to remain later in the fall for the greater safety of vessels passing.

The memorial has been received, and is under the consideration of the Government.

#### LICENSING MASTERS AND MATES OF COASTING VESSELS.

A memorial was forwarded to the Government by the Council last year, praying that the "Act respecting certificates to Masters and Mates of vessels" might be extended with suitable modifications to Masters and Mates of coasting vessels, but without any satisfactory result. Your Council have, however, again addressed the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on the subject, and trust that the importance of the case, involving the protection of life and property, and lessening of Marine disasters, will receive the consideration it merits.

#### HON. P. FORTIN'S PROPOSED FISHERIES BULLETIN.

In connection with the Hon. Dr. Fortin's comprehensive telegraphic system, now in course of progress in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Honorable gentleman, who has devoted much time towards aiding the development of our Fisheries, has proposed a telegraphic Daily Bulletin, by which, at numerous stations along the river, fishermen would be enabled to learn where the fish are setting in, and gather information about weather probabilities, &c., &c.

A Telegraphic Bulletin system has been established for many years, and worked to the great benefit of fishermen on the coast of Norway; and your Council, after a thorough examination and consideration of the subject, have every hope that through such an agency, the prosperity of our Fisheries may be increased.

OPENING OF THE WELLAND CANAL.

Your Council having recently heard that it was not the intention of the Government to open the Welland Canal before the first of May, petitioned both branches of the Dominion Government, and His Excellency the Governor-General, setting forth the serious damage which would thereby occur, and the necessity of the earliest use of the Welland and other Canals, and it is to be hoped that most energetic efforts may be made to effect the desired result; receipt of the Petition has been acknowledged.

BEACON LIGHT ON FLAT ISLAND OFF POINT ST. PETER,  
GASPÉ.

The necessity for a light on Flat Island, off Point St. Peter, Gaspé, having been brought before the Council, they addressed the Hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries, urging that in order to lessen Marine disasters to the numerous Ocean and Coasting vessels passing that Point, the Government might take such steps as may secure the early construction of said Beacon Light.

DISCRIMINATING RATES OF FREIGHT ON THE INTER-  
COLONIAL RAILROAD.

Your Council being of opinion that the existing tariff of the Intercolonial Railroad, whereby flour shipped to the Lower Provinces is charged the same rate whether delivered at Montreal or Quebec, is a great injustice to the latter city; and feeling strongly that a discriminating policy on Government roads should not exist, and that the rate of

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freight should be based *pro rata* as to distance on all goods carried over such lines, have petitioned the Minister of Railways and Canals to that effect, praying for his serious consideration thereon.

DIFFERENTIAL DUTY ON CANADIAN BUILT VESSELS IN FRANCE.

The great importance of obtaining terms of equality for Canadian built vessels in France with those constructed in Great Britain, has engaged the serious attention of your Council. It is to be regretted, however, that no definite result in favor of the desired end has as yet been accomplished.

STOCKING LAKES WITH FISH.

Your Council has followed up this subject, and in reply to the memorial forwarded Government last year, have succeeded in obtaining, through the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, a large supply of Trout and White Fish spawn, which were deposited last April in Lakes Beauport and St. Charles.

On the suggestion of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, enquiries were made as to the fitness of the River St. Charles for Salmon bearing, and to ascertain what obstacles, if any, existed; but it was found on enquiry that from the natural obstructions and refuse of the mills on that River, success in the promotion of fish could not be looked for, and no further measures have been taken in the matter.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

The Executive Committee of the above Board have determined not to hold any annual meeting this year.

WOODEN BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Your Council feeling it to be their duty, in a City which has suffered so heavily from conflagrations, and in view of

the fact, that wooden buildings within the City are annually increasing in number, addressed the Mayor of Quebec, drawing the attention of the City Corporation to the wooden sheds now illegally built in St. Paul's Market, and repeated also a recommendation made last year, that a water-tank be constructed at the Palais, to serve in the event of fires in St. Paul's or St. Peter's Wards—and received a reply, that the matter had been referred to the Fire Committee, and that their decision would duly be made known, it is a matter of regret that as yet no action towards the construction of a tank, has been taken.

#### WOOD FUEL USED ON LOCOMOTIVES PASSING THROUGH THE CITY AND SUBURBS.

A representation was made to the Hon. H. G. Joly, Premier, shewing the danger from fire, arising through the use of wood on Locomotives passing through the City and Suburbs, and in reply thereto, the Honorable gentleman informed the Council that the matter had been handed over to Hon. T. McGreevy, contractor for the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railroad.

#### RESTORATION OF WINE MEASURE.

Active steps towards the restoration of Wine measure in the Dominion, were set on foot at Toronto, and the Board of Trade there forwarded this Board blank petitions to the Government praying for the same, and requesting the Council to use their influence in obtaining signatures thereto.

The names of numerous influential Wine and Liquor Merchants were obtained, and the Petition duly forwarded to the Minister of Inland Revenue.

#### INSPECTION OF FISH AND FISH OILS.

At a meeting held of the Board of Examiners of candidates for the position of Deputy-Inspectors, Mr. Jeffrey Roe was found competent, and duly qualified to act as such.

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Having heard of contemplated changes in the Act regulating the inspection of Fish and Fish Oils, a Committee of the Council was recently named to consider the same ; on enquiry of the Department of Inland Revenue at Ottawa, it was found that nothing definite had yet been decided on ; the Committee have therefore been unable to report thereon, and the matter has been laid over for the consideration of the Board.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS FOR FLOUR AND MEAL.

The usual annual meeting of the several Boards of Examiners for Flour and Meal, under Act 37 Vic., Chap. 45, Sec. 25, took place at Montreal, on 5th November last.

Messrs. Thos. Brodie and Jas. McCorkell kindly represented the Quebec Board, and report the attendance of 8 members, namely ; 5 from Montreal, 1 Toronto, and 2 Quebec. Apart from the usual routine selection of Grades, our representatives had nothing special to report. Thanks are due to Mr. Patterson, Secretary of the Montreal Corn Exchange, and to the members of the Montreal Board of Examiners, for their kindness in the expedition of business.

The Dominion Government has recently enacted that the Chairman of the various local Boards of Examiners for Flour and Meal, shall constitute and be named a Board of Arbitration to settle disputes and differences which may arise.

Mr. Thos. Brodie has been elected Chairman of the Quebec Board.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

The Boards of Examiners for Flour and Meal, Ashes, Leather, Beef and Pork, Wheat and other Grain, Butter, Fish and Fish Oils, Petroleum, and Weights and Measures and Guages have been duly appointed.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The thanks of the Board are due to W. Schwartz, Esq., Swedish and Norwegian Consul, who has kindly furnished the Board with interesting and valuable tables compiled by him, showing tonnages of, and desertions from Swedish and Norwegian Vessels, places of destination and duration of voyages; also, Lumber Tables exhibiting the supply, export and stock of the Port of Quebec for past 30 years, and other valuable data connected therewith, they may be found on the table.

SESSIONAL PAPERS.

The Board is indebted to A. P. Caron, Esq., M.P., and to the distributing departments at Ottawa, for attention in forwarding the usual Parliamentary returns, &c.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The usual annual returns from the several Inspectors of Fish and Fish Oils, Leather, Beef and Pork, and Flour and Meal, have been received and are on record.

NEW MEMBERS.

W. M. McPherson and J. B. Charleson have been elected Members of the Corporation.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Treasurer's Account is on the Table, also the Minute Books and correspondence for the past year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

Quebec, 5th April, 1880.

JOSEPH SHEHYN,  
President.

F. H. ANDREWS,  
Secretary.

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It was then moved by the Chairman, seconded by T. Ledroit,

“That the Annual Report just read be received, adopted and printed.”—Carried.

The Treasurer's account for the past year was read, and it was moved by M. Stevenson, seconded by W. Brodie,

“That the Treasurer's account be received and adopted.”—Carried.

Moved by Hans Hagens, seconded by F. Gunn,

“That this Board do petition the Dominion Government to revoke their decision in the matter of reducing the River Police Force, and that the same number of men as heretofore be retained, in view of the increase of shipping expected at this Port this summer.”—Carried.

Moved by F. Billingsley, seconded by Hans Hagens,

“That in the opinion of this Board there are too many Pilots for the requirements of the trade, and that instead of increasing the rates of pilotage, which will be detrimental to the interests of the Port, it is desirable that the number of Pilots be gradually decreased, so as to afford to each a fair remuneration for their services.”—Carried.

Moved by T. Beckett, seconded by J. L. Gibb,

“That the attention of this Board has been drawn to a movement on the part of the Boards of Trade of Montreal and St. Catharines, for the purpose of procuring from the Dominion Government sufficient financial aid to make the Harbour of Montreal a free Port, and to defray in part the ordinary charges for Pilotage and Towage on vessels frequenting the same.

“That while the Quebec Board of Trade will hail with satisfaction any improvement which will render safer the navigation of the St. Lawrence, they desire to protest against any policy which would give one Port such a manifest advantage over all others.

“That Government might as fairly be asked to pay part  
“of the freight on goods as a part of the towage or lighter-  
“age on vessels consigned to Montreal.

“That the deepening of Lake St. Peter and improvements  
“in the Harbour of Montreal were undertaken and carried  
“out by that city as local improvements, and this Board  
“desires to point out the impropriety of the assumption by  
“the Dominion of the debt thereby created, particularly in  
“view of the heavy burdens now being assumed by this  
“Port for the purpose of affording unexceptional facilities  
“for the accommodation of sea-going vessels.

“That the incoming Council be requested to forward a  
“memorial to the Dominion Government, expressing the  
“views of this Board, as herein contained, and further  
“enlarged upon in a petition forwarded to the Government  
“by the Council of this Board in April last.”—Carried.

The Chairman then requested the meeting to proceed  
with the election of Officers for the ensuing year, and it was

Moved by T. Ledroit, seconded by T. Beckett,

“That W. Brodie and John L. Gibb be appointed scruti-  
“neers to examine the several ballots and report to the  
“meeting, and that no ballot ticket be accepted unless  
“countersigned by the Secretary.”—Carried.

The several ballots then took place, and the scrutineers  
announced the following gentlemen duly elected as  
Officers and Councillors, namely :

*President*..... W. Rae.  
*Vice-President*..... J. B. Renaud.  
*Councillors*..... R. R. Dobell,  
                                  J. Shehyn, M.P.P.  
                                  W. Hunt,  
                                  W. Brodie,  
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H. W. Welch was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The members elected to form the Board of Arbitration were :

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J. H. Clint,  
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E. Beaudet, M.P.  
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It was moved by S. Peters, seconded by John Ross,

“ That the President and Vice-President of the Board of  
“ Trade, and Messrs. J. Shehyn, M.P.P., E. Beaudet, M.P.,  
“ T. Ledroit, Jas. G. Ross, W. Withall, M. W. Baby, Frank  
“ Ross and the Mayor of Quebec, be requested to act as a  
“ deputation to proceed to Ottawa, to urge upon the  
“ Government the necessity, under existing circumstances,  
“ of annulling the Yale Kamloops contracts, and postponing  
“ construction, for the present, on the Canada Pacific Rail-  
“ road in British Columbia, as already petitioned for by the  
“ Council of this Board; and also the expediency of a  
“ survey being at once made of the country from Quebec to  
“ Norway House, in order to ascertain if a more advan-  
“ tageous route, and economical line, cannot be found for  
“ the Railway than the present location; and that the  
“ said deputation be requested to confer with the Govern-  
“ ment on the questions of Pilotage and deepening of Lake  
“ St. Peter, as per resolutions passed this day.”—Carried.

Moved by M. Stevenson, seconded by J. L. Gibb,

"That J. F. Belleau be elected a member of the Board."  
—Carried.

Mr. Belleau was balloted for and duly elected a member."

Moved by M. Stevenson, seconded by H. Dinning,  
"That S. Sloan Bennett be proposed a member of the  
"Board."—Carried.

Moved by F. Gunn, seconded by F. H. Andrews,  
"That James Shea be proposed a member of the Board."  
Carried.

Moved by H. W. Welch, seconded by T. Ledroit,  
"That A. F. Hunt be proposed for membership."—Car-  
ried.

Moved by F. Gunn, seconded by John Glass,  
"That J. H. Clint and J. S. Crawford be appointed Au-  
"ditors for the ensuing year."—Carried.

Moved by T. Ledroit, seconded by John L. Gibb,  
"That the thanks of the Board are due and are hereby  
"tendered to the President, Vice-President and the Council,  
"for their efficient services rendered during the year now  
"closed."—Carried.

Moved by F. Gunn, seconded by S. Peters,  
"That the thanks of this meeting are hereby given to the  
"Auditors for the past year and to the Scrutineers, for their  
"services rendered."—Carried.

The Chairman stated that James Connolly, A. Woods,  
B. Bennett, H. O'Connor, W. Walker and S. W. Drum had  
resigned as members of the Board. Their resignations  
were accepted.

The meeting then adjourned at 5.40 P.M.



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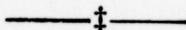
**STATEMENT of Beef and Pork inspected at Quebec, during  
the years 1877, 1878 and 1879.**

<b>BEEF.</b>	<b>1877.</b>	<b>1878.</b>	<b>1879.</b>
Mess.. .....barrels.	598	182	99
Prime Mess..... “	88	114	409
Rejected..... “	12	20	27
	<u>698</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>535</u>
 <b>PORK.</b>	 <b>1877.</b>	 <b>1878.</b>	 <b>1879.</b>
Mess..... .....barrels.	4,448	3,009	2,632
Prime Mess..... “	677	277	599
Extra Prime..... “	679	149	.....
Prime..... “	.....	.....	453
Thin Mess..... “	474	359	.....
Rejected..... “	175	408	359
	<u>6,453</u>	<u>4,202</u>	<u>4,043</u>

**D. NOLAN,**

*Beef and Pork Inspector.*

Quebec, 31st December, 1879.



**STATEMENT of Leather and Raw Hides inspected and mea-  
sured at Quebec, during the years 1877, 1878 and 1879.**

	<b>1877.</b>	<b>1878.</b>	<b>1879.</b>
Sides Sole Leather, inspected...	19,826	19,093	19,518
do Upper do measured...	14,065	25,178	24,925
Raw Hides, inspected.....	9,335	8,595	9,414

**ALDÉRIC FORTIN,**

*Inspector of Leather.*

Quebec, 31st December, 1879.

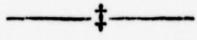


STATEMENT of Flour inspected at Quebec, during the years  
1877, 1878 and 1879.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Superior Extra.....	1,311	2,083	3,847
Extra Superfine.....	953	1,743	909
Fancy Superfine.....	829	231	416
Spring Extra.....	31,791	30,661	22,543
Superfine.....	1,762	2,086	2,134
Fine.....	3,047	3,311	3,760
Middlings .....	1,081	243	677
Pollards .....	68	.....	.....
Strong Bakers.. .....	671	725	150
Sour.....	.....	66	.....
Rejected.....	2,314	666	487
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Barrels.....	43,827	41,815	34,923
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BENJ. ROUSSEAU,  
*Inspector of Flour and Meal.*

Flour Inspection Office, }  
Quebec, 2nd Jany., 1880. }



STATEMENT of  
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Gingras & Co  
Charland, Sen  
Charland, Jun  
P. V. Valin....  
Samson.....

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Built in 1874  
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STATEMENT of Sea-going Vessels building at the Port of  
Quebec, 1st April, 1880.

BY WHOM BUILDING.	TONNAGE.	STATE OF PROGRESS.
Gingras & Co.*.....	1,150	Planked.
Charland, Senr.*.....	1,150	Planking.
Charland, Junr.*.....	850	do
P. V. Valin.....	1,150	Planked.
Samson.....	1,200	do
	5,500	

\* Under Veritas Rules.

At corresponding date—1879.....	8,760	Tons.
do 1878.....	11,675	"
do 1877.....	17,350	"

Built in 1874.....	14	Vessels.	14,588	Tons.
1875.....	15	do	14,270	do
1876.....	16	do	15,214	do
1877.....	20	do	18,371	do
1878.....	8	do	8,785	do
1879.....	5	do	5,324	do

**STATEMENT of Fish and Fish Oils inspected within the inspection division of Quebec, during the years ending 31st December, 1878 and 1879.**

FISH.	Tierces.		Barrels.		Hlf. Brls.		Drafts.	
	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879	1878	1879
Salmon	No. 1	86 59	1,067	444	5	2		
"	" 2	24 24	442	235	1	1		
"	" 3	3 11	224	116	1	14		
"	Rusty		75	30				
"	Sour	3 1	82	7				
"	Refuse		4					
Herrings	No. 1		1,345	841	40	54		
"	" 2		205	588	6	42		
"	" 3		475	195	1			
"	Rusty		53	6	1			
"	Sour		15	12				
"	Refuse		16					
"	Small		106	7				
NewfoundlandHerrings			1,219	1,871	174	459		
Green Codfish	No. 1		3,809	4,637	21	9	1,942	156
"	" 2		1,041	1,244	7	6	58	111
"	" 3		1	37				
"	Sour		37	4	2		2	
"	Refuse		164	81	2		11	
"	Rusty		1				5	
"	Small		2					
Sea Trout	No. 1		84	53				
"	" 2		7	14	1	3		
"	" 3		1	4	1			
"	Sour		3		2			
Haddock	No. 1		2	14				
Halibut	" 1		17	10				
"	" 2			13		1		
Mackerel	" 1		73	1,099	76	55		
"	" 2		168	932	8	5		
"	" 3		93	551	9	11		
"	Rusty		24	11		1		
"	Sour		6	1				
"	Small		255	36				
Sardines			17	9		1		
"	Tinets		170					801
Smoked Herrings	No. 1		13,883	23,282				
Codfish Sounds	" 1		10	9	2	4		
"	"		20					2
"	Tongues		1					
Eels			475	656				
Other Fish			5	1	1			
Hake	No. 1			4				
<b>Total</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>25,697</b>		<b>361</b>		<b>2,018</b>	<b>1,070</b>

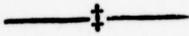
Cod.....  
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 Porpoise.....  
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 Herring.....  
 Other Fish Oils.....  
 Total.....

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OILS.		Tierces.		Barrels.	
		1878	1879	1878	1879
Cod.....	A.....	735	1,048	286	375
".....	B.....	13	22	5	8
Whale.....	Pale.....	3	4	.....	1
".....	Straw.....	33	.....	2	.....
".....	Brown.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Seal.....	Strictly Pale.....	13	.....	2	.....
".....	Pale.....	189	296	40	12
".....	Straw.....	1,386	796	497	84
".....	Brown.....	61	133	16	20
".....	Dark Brown.....	83	102	8	15
Porpoise.....	Pale.....	1	2	.....	.....
".....	Straw.....	18	4	3	1
".....	Brown.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Mixed.....	A.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Herring.....	B.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Other Fish Oil.....	.....	52	6	17	2
Total.....	.....	2,590	.....	876	.....

**JOHN AULD,**  
*Inspector of Fish and Fish Oils.*

Quebec, 31st Dec., 1879.



## J. BELL FORSYTH & CO.'S Prices Current of TIMBER, DEALS, &c.

QUEBEC, 10th December, 1879.

	\$	cts.
<b>WHITE PINE</b> , in the Raft, for inferior and ordinary, according to average, quality, &c., measured off...	0	9
for Fair average quality, do do &c.,	0	11
for Good and Superior do do &c.,	0	14
In shipping order, do do	0	15
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch, do do	0	21
do 19 to 21 do do	0	12
do do do	0	26
do do do	0	28
do do do	0	31
<b>RED PINE</b> , in the Raft, measured off, according to average and quality	0	12
in Shipping order, 35 to 45 feet do	0	16
OAK, Canada, by the Dram, according to average and quality	0	32
Do. Michigan and Ohio, do do	0	36
ELM, by the Dram, do do	0	26
Do. do do	0	22
ASH, 14 inches and up, do do	0	27
BIRCH, 16 inch average, do do	0	18
TAMARAC, Square, according to size and quality	0	10
Flatted, do do	0	09
STAVES, merchantable std., according to quality and specification	0	200
Do. W. O. Punccheon, Merchantable do	0	65
DEALS, Bright, according to Mill Specification...\$86 to \$100 for 1st, \$64 to \$66 for 2nd, and \$28 to \$30 for 3rd quality.	0	\$200
Do. do Michigan, ...\$104 to \$110 for 1st, and \$70 to \$72 for 2nd quality.	0	\$ 65
Do. Floated, do ...\$88 for 1st, \$58 for 2nd, and \$26 for 3rd quality.	0	\$ 70
Do. Bright Spruce, do ...\$34 to \$36 for 1st, \$24 to \$25 for 2nd, and \$18 to \$20 for 3rd quality.	0	\$ 70

N. B.—Parties in England will bear in mind, that timber sold in the Raft subjects the purchaser to great expense in dressing, butting, and at times heavy loss for culls—if sold in shipping order, the expense of shipping only to be added.

(From J. Bell Forsyth & Co.'s Annual Circular.)

**SUPPLY AND EXPORT OF LUMBER AT THE PORT OF QUEBEC FOR THE YEAR 1879,**  
And Stock wintering on 1st December, 1879, with average Supply, Export and Stock for 5 years



**ARRIVALS AND TONNAGE at the Port of Quebec for the years :**

1874.		1875.		1876.		1877.		1878.		1879.	
<b>SAILING VESSELS FROM SEA.</b>											
<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.
1,017.....	726,407	786.....	543,182	977.....	709,126	958.....	763,423	662.....	503,912	666.....	492,676
<b>OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.</b>											
<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.	<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.	<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.	<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.	<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.	<b>Steamships.</b>	Tons.
159.....	216,406	117.....	171,649	139.....	205,632	160.....	214,379	159.....	231,616	215.....	327,647
<b>LOWER PROVINCES.</b>											
<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.	<b>Vessels.</b>	Tons.
190.....	42,622	296.....	50,865	178.....	36,619	183.....	37,423	176.....	35,335	225.....	51,907

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Sailing Vessels cleared at the Port of Quebec, for Sea, (Lumber laden,) in 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879, from the opening to close of navigation :**

(Compiled by Mr. F. JOHNSTON, Quebec Exchange.)

1873 .....	719 Vessels.	.....	529,112 Tons.
1874.....	"	.....	636,672 "
1875.....	"	.....	478,441 "
1876.....	"	.....	624,110 "
1877.....	"	.....	670,627 "
1878.....	"	.....	399,833 "
1879.....	"	.....	364,628 "

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the Revenue of the Quebec Harbour Commission for the years ending the 31st December, 1878 and 1879.

—	1878.	1879.	Difference in 1879.
Tonnage Dues....	\$24,677 12	\$25,631 33	\$ 954 21 Increase.
Import Dues.....	2,993 47	2,549 37	444 10 Decrease.
Export Dues.....	6,105 86	5,969 84	136 02 do
Harbour Dues....	3,834 23	3,397 42	436 81 do
Prop'ty Revenue.	23,652 24	21,867 99	1,784 25 do
B.&D. Water Lots	2,175 37	2,175 37	.....
Interest.....	2,916 54	2,654 37	262 17 Decrease.
Sundries.....	1 00	136 17	135 17 Increase.
Anchors & Chains .....		339 59	339 59 do
Total.....	\$66,355 83	\$64,721 45	.....

In spite of the continued depression of business, and the fact that during the past season the arrivals were even smaller than in 1878, the Commissioners have established with satisfaction, that the surplus of the Revenue over the expenditure of the year is represented by the sum of \$5,811.79.

JAMES WOODS,  
Chief Clerk.

Harbour Commissioners' Office, }  
Quebec, 31st March, 1879. }

**EXTRACTS from the Quebec Harbour Commissioners' Returns for the years 1877, 1878 and 1879.**

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Number of trips made by Steamers, Schooners, Barges and Batteaux, from all ports of the Dominion to the Port of Quebec, during the year.....	4,502	3,721	3,229
Number of men employed.....	18,870	18,371	15,795
Aggregate Tonnage.....	365,395	273,476	287,353
Passengers.....	75,309	60,971	45,624

**IMPORTS of the following articles were in:**

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Apples.....Barrels.....	8,142	17,980	17,218
“.....Bags.....	1,104		
“.....Bushels.....		3,699	
Bark.....Cords.....	7,133	3,010	6,646
White Birch.....Bundles.....		37,993	
White Birch Bark.....			87,400
Barley.....Bushels.....	10,729	13,945	4,832
Butter.....Tubs and Kegs.....	1,739	1,784	2,471
“.....Lbs.....	197,104	99,970	141,335
Bricks.....Mille.....	8,164	3,097	2,342
Cattle.....	1,017	159	3,704
Cows.....	270	151	40
Coals.....Tons.....	4,028	5,126	2,370
Coal Tar.....Barrels.....	796	409	
Canada Plates.....Boxes.....	2,095	2,080	5,315
Corn.....Bushels.....	106,860	48,581	59,642
Corn and Corn Meal.....Bags.....	7,759	319	
“.....Barrels.....	946	155	
“.....Boxes.....	435	20	
Calves.....	283	87	
Cheese.....Boxes and Barrels.....	3,874	2,251	22,083
Coal Oil.....Gallons.....	46,812	27,382	
Deals.....	2,011,670	991,104	711,128
Flour.....Barrels.....	153,782	132,438	72,714
“.....Bags.....	77,336	129,889	99,216
Fish, Green.....Barrels.....	3,952	3,917	2,496
“.....Cwt.....	791	172	364
“ Dry.....	2,783		
Flax Seed.....Bags.....	377	3	
“.....Boxes.....	13		
“.....Barrels.....	784	556	
Hides, Green and Dry.....	19,378	21,165	35,668
“.....Lbs.....	300		
“ Dry.....Bales.....	82		
“.....Boxes.....		82	

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Shingles.....
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Seal Oil.....
Smoked Herring.....
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	1877.	1878.	1879.
Hides.....Tons.....		38	
“.....Packages.....	101	129	
Hay.....Bundles.....	106,950	166,391	236,150
Herrings.....Barrels.....	7,220	2,845	1,603
Leather.....Lbs.....	13,880	8,425	
“.....Cases.....	105	43	
“.....Bales.....	356	313	
“.....Rolls.....	3,019	3,100	
“.....Packages.....	527	214	4,385
“.....Crates.....	14	1	
Leather Board.....Packages.....	430	74	
Lard.....Cases.....	20	35	
“.....Tubs.....	13	160	
“.....Pails.....	2,053	107	2,360
“.....Tierces.....	12	7	
“.....Lbs.....		3,000	
Lumber.....Feet.....	48,787	127,000	
“.....Pieces.....	259,366	325	
“ Oak.....Feet.....	570,688		
“ Oak Plank.....Pieces.....	1,533		
“ Oak Plank.....Feet.....	169,586		
“ Oak Wainseots..... “.....	442,897		
“ Oak Timber.....Pieces.....	300		
“ Ash.....Feet.....	35,263		
“ Ash Plank.....Pieces.....	147		
Linseed.....Bushels.....	5,045	2,525	4,994
Maple Sugar.....Lbs.....	25,953	15,597	11,450
Mackerel.....Barrels.....	109	190	
Oats.....Bushels.....	140,236	116,999	80,387
Oxen.....	868	362	
Oysters.....Cases.....	426		
“.....Barrels.....		260	
Plaster.....Barrels.....		16	
“.....Tons.....	270	675	
Pork.....Barrels.....	3,227	1,874	2,884
Pulp.....Lbs.....	39,306	421	
Potatoes.....Bushels.....	112,129	49,686	48,190
Peas..... “.....	13,789	6,077	9,948
Sewing Machines.....	479	441	
“ “.....Cases.....	3		850
Salmon.....	2	25	
“.....Barrels.....	466	1,415	482
“.....Boxes.....	915	651	295
Shingles.....Mille.....	3,759	3,118	2,929
“.....Boxes.....	622	1,908	
Seal Oil.....Gallons.....	41,397	91,292	36,558
Smoked Herrings.....Dozen.....	6,000	13,250	22,000
“ “.....Barrels.....	16	30	

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Sardines... ..Tinets.....	346	707	.....
“ ..Cases.....	76	117	.....
“ ..Barrels.....	133	9	.....
Tar.....Barrels. ....	490	178	1,052
Wood.....Cords.....	54,579	49,776	50,764
Wheat.....Bushels.....	538	39,455	3,070
Whale Oil.....Gallons .....		120	.....

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