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# FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT <br> OF THE <br> COUNCIL <br> OF THE <br> <br> Montreal Board of Trade <br> <br> Montreal Board of Trade <br> BEING <br> For the Year 1899. 

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## REPORT.

## To the Members of the Montreal Board of Trade:

## Gentlemen,-

The Council herewith presents, as required by the by-laws, a general report of its proceedings during the past year.

The industrial expansion and commercial activity so general throughout the business world during r899 played an important part both directly and indirectly in the welfare of Canada; directly it afforded a wider and broader field for commercial operations, and indirectly it gave the assurance necessary for the promotion of great public improvements and private enterprises. The trade returns show that, even in comparison with 1898, of itself a phenomenal year, the produce of our fields, mines, factories and mills has steadily increased. The export returns of the country show that the cheese trade has more than held its own, while the exportation of butter has made such strides that the minufacture of this product gives every promise of eventually becoming one of the leading factors in the business of the Dominion. The grain harvest throughout Canada was very satisfactory, and the farmer's financial position is believed to be better than ever before. The mineral fields of British Columbia and Ontario show substantial development when compared with a year ago, and the augmented receipts of the Canadian railways indicate a large movement of both crops and minerals.

In the closing months of the year the peculiar state of the United States market, resulting from discrimination by the banks against industrial stocks, the demands of trade and commerce, and those arising from the war between Great Britain and the Boers, together with the shortage of gold supplies from South Africa, brought about a stringency in the money market, and these conditions tended to decrease the values of stocks and bonds ; the general panic imminent in the speculative market was, however, fortunately averted, and during the past few weeks values have improved.

The satisfactory condition of trade in this country during 1899 is reflected in the following statistics of failures during that period, which show that, in number, the failures in Canada and Newfoundland combined are the smallest reported since 1886. The liabilities, owing to a few large failures, were somewhat in excess of the 1898 figures, but they are less than in any year between 1898 and 1886 .

STATISTICS OF FAILURES IN CANADA (INCLUDING NEWFOUNDLAND), FOR 1899, WITH TOTALS FOR TEN PREVIOUS YEARS.

|  | According to Bradstreets. |  |  | According to R. G. Dun \& Co. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. of failure | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Realized } \\ & \text { Assets. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Liabilities. | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { Aco. of } \\ \text { failures }\end{gathered}$ | ( Nominal | Liabilities. |
| Ontario <br> Quebec |  |  | \$2,374,977 |  | $\frac{\text { Assets. }}{\text { \$ 1,904,201 }}$ | \$2,503,500 |
| New Brunswick | 539 53 5 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,555,650 \\ 299.750 \end{array}$ | 6,730,230 | 442 | \$ 1,904,201 | \$ ${ }_{\text {2 }}$ 2,503,500 |
| Nova Scotia ....... | 78 | 217,205 | 643,041 456,472 | ${ }^{62}$ | -358,284 | -675,376 |
| Prince Ed. Island.... | 3 | 4,800 | 456,472 9,400 | 202 | 693,536 | 1,037,205 |
|  | 39 7 | 238,056 | 458,018 |  | 12,500 | 20,444 |
| British Columbia... | $\begin{array}{r}7 \\ 7 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 184,3250 | 50,193 | \} 45 | 227,083 | 232,426 |
| Newfoundland. ..... | 20 | 184,625 15,950 | $\begin{array}{r} 355,560 \\ 37,400 \end{array}$ |  | 387,610 | 367,200 |
| Total 1899. | 1,305 | \$4,543,558 | \$11,115,29 |  |  | 65,089 |
| 1898. |  |  |  | 1,315 | \$7,701,713 | \$10,727,764 |
| 1897. | 1,470 1,927 | \$4,194,927 $5,224,897$ | $\Sigma 9,825,554$ <br> $13,219,379$ | 1,334 | \$ 7,798,719 | \$ 9,993,143 |
| 1896. | 2,203 | 6,751,257 | $16,274,576$ | 1,834 2.140 | 10,621,527 | 14,265,155 |
|  | 1,923 | 6,299,177 | 15,793,559 | 1,940 | 12,734,544 | 17,291,736 |
|  | 1,873 | 11,947,253 | 23,985,283 | 1,862 | 14,424,365 | 17,129, 119 |
| 1892 | 1,781 | 7,388,692 | 15,690,404 | 1,754 | 11,502,764 | 18,490,029 |
| 189 | 1,846 | 6,848,095 | 11,603,210 | 1,688 | 9,420,983 | 13,766,191 |
| 890. | 1,626 |  | $14,884,000$ 12,482 | 1,889 |  | 17,100,649 |
| 1889................ | 1,616 | 6,119,585 | 12,482,000 | 1,847 |  | 18,289,935 |
|  |  | 6,179,580 | 13,147,910 | 1,777 |  | 14,713,223 |

N. B.-The figures of assets given by Bradstreets are for the value realized; R. G. Dun \& Co. do not include for their nominal value. The figures given by were unusually large in 1899 , amounting to $\$ 2,348,000$.

The following returns irom the Montreal Customs show a most gratifying increase in the export and import trade of the port, the value of the exports being largely in excess of any preceding year and exactly double what it was in 1889 and 1890. The impoit figures show an increase over last year of nearly four million dollars, and the duty collected thereon was nearly nine per cent. in excess of 1898, and twenty-seven per cent, over 1897. The
aggregate tounage of vessels arriving in port is in excess of all previous years excepting 1898, when special reasons (referred to in the Port Warden's report) largely increased the shipping business of this port.

| Years. | Sea-going Vessels arrived in Port. | Total Tonnage. | Value of Merchandise Exported. | Value of Merchandise Imported. | Customs Dities Collected. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1899 .$. | 801 | 1,517,611 | \$64,040,982 |  |  |
| 1898. | 868 | 1,584,072 | 62,729,180 | $\$ 65,018,544$ $61,117,703$ | $\$ 8,918,906$ $8,188,891$ |
| 1897. | 796 | 1,379,002 | 55,156,956 | $61,117,703$ $47,036,196$ | $8,188,891$ $6,992,360$ |
| 1896. | 709 | 1,216,468 | 49,160,364 | 47,036,196 $45,900,270$ | $6,992,360$ $6.619,400$ |
| 1895. | 640 | 1,069,386 | 40,348,197 | 41,996,686 | $6.619,400$ $6,463,103$ |
| 1894. | 734 804 | 1,096,909 | 40,401,392 | 42,514,582 | 6,087,625 |
| 1892. | 804 735 | 1,151,777 | 47,700,433 | $53,796,227$ | 7,038,403 |
| 1891. | 725 | 1,036,707 | 45,638,275 | 47,670,361 | 6,812,083 |
| 1890. | 725 746 | 938,657 930.332 | 39,344,783 | 48,418,569 | 7,297,228 |
| 1889. | 695 | 930,332 | 32,027,176 | 45,159,124 | 9,201,426 |
| 1888. | 695 655 | 823,165 | 32,638,270 | 47,415,620 | 9,321,981 |
| 1887. | 767 | 782,473 | 24,049,638 | 39,856,283 | 8,778,341 |
| 1886 | 703 | 870,773 859,699 | 29,391,858 | 43,391,715 | 8,745,526 |
| 1885. | 629 | 683,854 | 27,925,916 | 42,08f, 266 | 8,362,618 |
| 1884. | 626 | 683,854 649,374 | 25,209,813 | 37,042,660 | 6,682,529 |
| 1883. | 660 | 649,374 664,263 | 27,458,775 | 41,859,299 | 6,787,721 |
| 1882 | 648 | 664,263 554,692 | 27,122,891 | 44,073,915 | 7,730,637 |
| 1881 | 648 569 | 554,692 931,929 | 26,503,001 | 50,527,497 | 8,395,653 |
| 1880.......... \| | 710 |  | 25,997,155 $32,245,941$ | 41,774,660 | 7,672,268 |
| 1880........ | 710 | 628,271 | 32,245,941 | 42,412,648 | 6,349,789 |

At the close of 1898 the improvement works in the Harbour of Montreal were still in the preliminary stage, but during the past twelve months one pier has been completed, and there is every prospect of the works being pushed forward to rapid completion.

## THE HARBOUR.

In view of the very general interest evoked by the proposals of a syndicate to the Harbour Commissioners for the erection of a grain elevator in the harbour, the Council submitted the question at the April quarterly meeting, but the proceedings were so lengthy that, before a vote was reached on the resolution submitted, the attendance, large at first, had dwindled to less than the required number (75) for a quorum, and so no decision was arrived at.

The position of matters remained unchanged until Saturday, June 17, when the Minister of Public Works paid a hurried visit to this city for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the organizations interested with
respect to a suitable site for the erection of a Government grain elevator, and arrangements were made whereunder the Minister was met by a number of the Harbour Commissioners, your President, second VicePresident, and the President of the Corn Exchange Association. The expressed desire of the Minister to erect a grain elevator in the harbour and to construct the needful facilities at Port Colborne, provided he was supported in so doing, led the Council to adopt the following resolution, which was communicated to the Premier and the Minister of Public Works :-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade hereby urges the Government :-
I. To provide elevator and warehouse facilities at Port Colborne for the rapid transference of cargoes.
2. To light and operate the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals by electricity.

To equip the Port of Montreal with such elevators, warehouses and other modern facilities as may be necessary for the rapid and least costly handling of freight from inland and ocean vessels.

That the Council presses these improvements upon the Goverament at the present time, because it is of opinion that they are necessary to enable the St. Lawrence route to compete successfuily with existing United States waterways.

While a grant of $\$ 250,000$ was placed in the estimates for the erection of a grain elevator at Montreal, it was subsequently cancelled. No further move was made in the matter until November 29, when the Council considered the following resolution adopted by the Harbour Commissioners the previous day, asking for proposals for elevator and warehouse sites in the harbour:-

That the Harbour Board, being anxious to secure as soon as possible the necessary accommodation for receiving and shipping grain and package feight in the port of Monttreal, resolves to wire and write to the parties who have applied for space in the harbour for elevating purposes, etc., asking them to send proposals to this Board, stating the space and locality where the elevators and warehouses are to be erected, the capacity of same, the tariff of rates, what volume of business can be guaranteed, and what amount will be spent in those improvements-the said proposals to be on hand for next Friday at 2 o'clock.

The Council met again the next day specially to consider this matter, and then unanimously adopted the follcwing resolution for communication to the Harbour Commissioners, at the same time expressing to Mr. Crathern, who was present as the Board's representative on the Commission, its strong conviction that the time mentioned in the Commissioners' resolution for the reception of written applications for sites for elevators,
etc., should be extended so as to afford parties desirous of applying full opportunity of doing so :-

That, in the opinion of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, it is expedient that the Montreal Harbour Com nissioners should arrange terns with one or more of the commercial or railroad companies who may apply for space in the Harbour of Montreal for the erection of elevators or freight sheds, and that the Council trusts that the Commissioners will see that such clauses are inserted in the agreements with said companies as will safeguard the interests of this port and of the Dominion generally.

The Commissioners, however, did not extend the time, and the only specific application received by them was from the Conners' syndicate.

On December 13 the Council considered a draft agr.ement between the Harbour Commissioners and the Conners' syndicate which had been communicated by Mr. Crathern, the Board's representative on the Commission, who attended its consideration at a special meeting held December 15 , when, after making some verbal suggestions for Mr. Crathern's information, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution for communication to the Harbour Commissioners and to Mr. Crathern :-

Resolved,-That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade approves of the Harbour Commissioners affording every reasonable facility to the Conners' syndicate for the erection of elevators and warehouses in the harbour, provided that, in any contract that may be entered into between those parties, the interests of the harbour of Montreal be carefully safeguarded, and that no monopoly be created in favour of the said syndizate.

Since then the contract between the Commissioners and the Conners' syndicate has been signed, copy as follows, and it is understood that the construction of the elevators and warehouses the in provided for will be commenced forthwith :-

Deed of Allotment and Agreement between the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal and William James Conners, Esq., et al.

On this ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, before me, Charles Cushing, the undersigned Notary Public for the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, residing and practising in the City of Montreal, personally came and appeared The Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, herein acting and represented by Robert Mackay, President, and David Seath, Secretary of said Harbour Commissioners, under and in virtue of resolutions of the said Harbour Commissioners passed or the second and ninth days of January, instant ; certified copies whereof are hereunto annexed and sigied by the parties hereto ne varietur, hereinafter called the "Commissioners," and William James Conners, of the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, Contractor, Honorable Richard Harcourt, of Welland, in
the Province of Ontario, Barrister, and Alfred Brunet, of the City of Montreal, Gentlernan, herein called the "Allottees," who declared unto me, said Notary, as follows :-

1. That the said Allottees have made application to the said Commissioners for sites in the Harbour of Montreal on which to erect and operate, which they offer to do, first-class modern grain elevators and first-class modern freight warehouses, with suitable appurtenant improvements and equipments, to cost about the sums hereinafter stated, representing that the enterprise has for its object the development of the St. Lawrence trade route to the sea, and that the spaces asked for and hereinafter mentioned are necessary, and will be required and actually used to provide prompt and satisfactory accommodation for the trade generally, which by proper facilities and rates will be attracted to said route.
2. And, inasmuch as the said enterprise will greatly increase the business and rever les of the Port of Montreal, the said Commissioners, without prejudice to existing rail way leases and to their unfettered action and control in respect to Harbour tracts and lines, h e decided to grant said application and accept said offer on the representations, terms and conditions herein stated.
3. Therefore, subject to the reserves herein referred to, the parties have covenanted and agreed with each other as follows :
4. The Commissioners hereby allot and set over to the Allottees, accepting thereof, for the term of forty years from the date of these presents :
$\AA$. The lower portion of Windmill Point Pier lying between Windmill Point Basin and the canal, and the canal basin shown on the plan hereto annexed in the condition in which it now is, having a fron age of eleven hundred and seventy feet on said Windmill Point Basin.
B. The opposite Easterly side of Windmill Point Slip or Basin on the wharf intended to be constructed in conformity with plans to be approved of by the $M^{\prime}$ nister of Public Works, and having a frontage of fifteen hundred feet on said Windmill Point Basin measuring from the lower end by a depth of two hundred and seventy-five feet, as shown also on the plan hereto annexed, identified by the signatures of the parties hereto and notary.
5. The said Allottees hereby bind and oblige themselves to erect on the first above mentioned site a first class modern steel or combination elevator of three million bushels capacity and first-class modern warehouses, so that the full space will be required and actually used in their operation, the cost of which improvements shall be about one million, one hundred thousand dollars ( $\$ \mathbf{I}, 100,000$ ) on present basis of values; and on the site secondly above described the said Allottess bind and obliz e themselves to erect, when the condition of the site permits, similar first-class elevator or elevators and freight warchouses of a capacity of not less than three million brshels, utilizing the whole space; said structures to cost about one million five hundred thousand dollars ( $\$ 1,500,000$ ) on present basis of values. The above scheme of construction may be changed or varied with the consent of the Commiss oners and Governor in Council if the requirements of the trade call for the same. This last provision shall also apply to the next following paragraph.
6. The Commissioners also allot, for a like period, space for at least one large elevator and freight warehouse on a suitable site on or in connection with one of the already constructed or proposed piers or on shore in the portion of the Harbour of Montreal below St.

Mary's current, to cost about one million five hundred thousand dollars ( $\$ 1,500,000$ ) on present basis of values, the space, location and capacity of the elevator or elevators to be determined by mutual agreement, and in default by the Governor in Council.
7. Such rights of way over the sites referred to as may be considered necessary at any time for the trade of the Port by the Commissioners and Harbour Engineer are reserved, but so as to interfere as little as possible with the operations of the Allottees.
8. The said Allottees bind and oblige themselves to commence the actual work of construction of said elevators and warehouses on said sites above mentioned as soon as the condition thereof respectively permits, and to prosecute the construstion of all said structures as vigorously, and put the same into operation as soon as the same, in the judgment of the Harbour Engineer, is pri ctically possible. The report of the Harbour Engineer to the e.fect that the condition of the said sites respectively is such as to permit of the work of construction being begun shali be conclusive evidence of the fact, but for all purposes of responsibility the said Engineer shall be deemed to be the employee or servant of the Allottees and not of the Commissioners.
9. It is agreed that the plans and specifications of all structures and improvements are to be subject to the approval of the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Railways and Canals and the Commissioners, and the said Ministers and Commissioners may appoint an Inspector or Inspectors to see that the work is carried on in conformity thereto; the whole without incurring any liability or responsibility in respect of or in connection with said work in any way, directly or indirectly, and the responsibility of the said Allottees shall in no way be lessened the eby, but be the same in all respects both towards the Ministers, Commissioners and third parties as if such approval and appointment had no existence.
10. That every vessel or barge, by whomsoever owned or controlled, shall have its regular turn at the wharves or elevators of the Allottees, and equal privileges in the use of the facilities for handling freight shall be extended to all carriers, the whole under the supervision and order of the Commissioners.
if. Rates for unloading, storing and loading grain and for handling at least the principal other commoditics shai! be posted in the elevators and elsewhere as the Governor in Council or Harbour Commissioners may require, and all rates shall be reasonable and subject to the approval of the Harbour Commissioners and Governor in Council.

The charges for shovelling grain shall be as favorable as those prevailing in any other grain shipping port, and every shipper may do his own shovelling.
12. The Allotees bind themselves to maintain the elevators, warehouses and plant in first-class condition in every respect, and to operate the same to the fullest capacity if necessary to meet the requirements of the trade.
13. In the event of the said warehouses and elevators or any of them ceasing to be operated by the Allottees on account of litigation, disputs or any other cause not incapacitating them from being operated, the said Commissioners have the right after tea days notice to take possession of and operate the same at the risk and cost and for the benefit of whomsoever it may concern, and at rates to be approved of as aforesaid, for such time as they may deem necessary to prevent interruption or injury to the trade of the Port; the whole without prejudice to the rights and obligations existing under this agreement.
14. In the event of the Allottees falling to operate said elevators and warehouses for a period of sixty days during the season of navigation or at any time after a period of ten years from the date hereof, by giving one year's notice the Commissioners shall have the right to assume and acquire the buildings, plant and business carried on on said sites upon payment of the then actual value of the same to be fixed by agreement or in default by arbitration as herein provided, but in such valuation no account shall be taken of the unexpired term of the allotment of the said sites. This latter provision, however, shall not be held to exclude the Arbitrators in estimating the value of the business from considering the point of time in the period of forty years at which the property is so taken over.
15. The Allottees covenant that in the first season after the depth of water is provided at Port Colborne, such depth to be of eighteen or twenty feet on a sufficient area to allow large Lake Vessels to tranship their cargo, there will be transported to Montreal and handled through the elevators and facilities of the Allottees at least twenty-five million bushels of wheat, or the equivalent in weight of other freight, subject to the breaiage of Canals, act of God and public enemies dnd caases beyond the control of the Allottees or their successors, and to the extent prevented thereby.
16. That should the said Allottees in any three consecutive years after the first year, in which by this agreement they are bound to handle through the elevators and facilities of the Allottees thirty-five million bushels of wheat annually, or its equivalent as aforesaid in weight of other freight, subject to the exemptions contained in clause fifteen, fail to handle for three years an aggregate of one hundred and five million bushels of wheat or its equivalent in weight of other freight, the Allottees hereby bind themselves to pay to the Commissioners'an amount equal to the wharfage rates on the deficiency required to make up the said one hundred and five million bushels of wheat or its equivalent in weight of other freight, and such amount shall be payable within ninety days after the closing of the navigationseason in each third year.
17. The said Allottees shall have no right to in any way affect the rights of the Commissioners in said sites beyond the rights which the Allottees are entitled to under this agreement.
18. The wharves and property allotted to the Allottees shall always be maintained in good order by them and handed back to the Commissioners in that condition at the expiration of their occupancy, or whenever taken over by the Commissioners as herein provided.
19. The said Allottees shall have the preference of renewal of the present allotment for such further period as may be agreed upon between the parties, but in the event of the said allotment not being renewed, then and in that case the said Commissioners shall acquire the buildings and plant of the said Allottees $c .$. the said sites at their then actual value to be agreed upon, and in case of failure to agree, such actual value to be fixed by Arbitrators or a majority therecf, in the usual way to be chosen, one by each of the said parties, the two arbitrators so chosen to select a third arbitrator, and in case of disagreement such third Arbitrator shall be appointed by a judge of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal, and upon payment the property so taken over and acquired shall becone vested in and become the absolute property of the said Commissioners, free and clear of all claims and encumbrances. It is agreed that in fixing such actual value no
account shall be taken of the allotment of the said sites to the said Allottees, or of their supposed increased value or advantages which the Allottees may attach to the same, but the said Allottees shall be considered as having no interest in said sites.
20. It is also understood that after a lapse of the forty years allotment, or any renewal thereof, 'the business interests of the Allottees terminate without compensation.
21. In the event of the said elevators and warehouses or any of them being destroyed by fire or otherwise during the said period of the allotment of forty years, the said Allottees bind themselves to fully reconstruct the same as soon as practically possible, and within twelve months at the latest.
22. The said Allottees hereby agree forthwith at the execution of this agreement to furnish to the said Commissioners good and valid security to their satisfaction in the sum of fifty thousand dollars ( $\$ 50,000$ ) for the due and faithful carrying out of the work of construction in conformity with this agreement.
23. It is agreed that any space on the said sites which is not necessary and actually ${ }^{\top}$ used and occupied for the structures and operations of said Allottees may be used by the" said Commissioners as they deem fit until such time as the same is necessarily and actually required by the Allottees for their purposes, and any space which they do not necessarily and actually requira and make use of for such purposes for a period of two years after the work of construction should begin on the said sites respectively in conformity with this agreement may be permanently resumed by the Commissioners ; the whole without inder ity to the said Allottees, and without exempting them from the obligations undertaken by them ${ }^{7}$ in this agreement.
24. The Commissioners shall also have the right at any time to resume possession of any portion of said sites, even if built upon, which they may find necessary to take in order to carry out Harbour improvements, subject to the obligation of the payment by them of a fair indemnity to be agreed upon or established by arbitration as aforesaid, or by expropria. tion of the rights of the Allottees.
25. This provision as to indemnity shall apply to the case of the Harbour Commissioners taking or impairing any of the structures of the Allottees for the purpose of roads, harbour tracks or lines after such structures have been erected conformably to plans ap. proved of as herein provided ; it being understood that no monopoly shall exist in favor of any body or person in respect to the use of the said roads, harbour tracks and lines.
26. This agreement shall be deemed to be made wholly within and to be governed by the rules of law of this Province respecting obligations.
27. The stipulations contained in this agreement will apply to and be as binding upon the successors and representatives in interest of the said Allottees as upon the Allottees themselves, and the obligations herein undertaken are and shall be joint and several until assumed by a responsible joint stock company.
28. For all purposes of this agreement, and all notices, actions, proceedings, services or matters arising out of or connected with the same, the said Commissioners elect domicile at their office in the City of Montreal, and the said Allottees elect domicile and residence for themselves, their successors or representatives, in the Prothonotary's office of
the Superior Court of the District of Montreal, in the absence of any other within the City of Montreal being notified to the Commissioners. Whereof acte.

Done and passed at the said City of Montreal, on the day, month and year first above written under the number thirty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five, and signed by the said parties hereto with and in the presence of the said Notary afier due reading.

| (Signed) | Rcbert Mackay, President. |
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| $" "$ | David Seath, Secretary. |
| $"$ | W. J. Conners. |
| $"$ | Alf. Brunet. |
| $"$ | Richard Harcourt. |
| $"$ | C. Cushing, n.P. |

A true copy of the original remaining of record in my office.

## death of representative on the harbour board and appointment OF SUCCESSOR.

The regretted death of Mr. David G. Thomson, the Board's representative on the Harbour Commission, referred to in the obituary, necessitated the holding of a special general meeting of the Board for the appointment of a successor. That meeting was held on November 2 rst, and resulted in the unanimous election of Mr. James Crathern, who, in view of the pressing business then before the Commission, took his oath of office and his seat on the Harbour Board next day. Mr. Crathern's first report as representative of the Board is as follows :-

## REPORT OF BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HARBOUR COMMISSION.

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\text { Montreal, Jan } \mathbf{1 6} \text {, } 1900 .
$$ To the Fresident and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade :-

Gentlemen,-On the 2Ist November last, the Members of the Board of Trade elected me by zeclamation as their representative on the Harbour Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our much respected and highly esteemed friend, the late Mr . D. G. Thomson.

As your representative, therefore, I beg to report that the first of the high level piers, 825 feet in length and 300 feet in breadth, has been about completed; its utility and appearance will, I am convinced, lead all who advocated the low level system to realize that the decision in favour of the high level plan was in the best interests of the harbour. Before the close of navigation, work was commenced on the upper pier, which will give a shore front of 1000 feet between the canal and the pier ; this pier will be 1000 feet in length and 300 feet in breadth, and the Commissioners' Chief Engineer expects to have this portion of the
harbour improvement completed before the close of navigation next season. In the year 190r it is expected that the third pier will be completed and ready for use on the opening of navigation in 1902 ; but I must say I am still of the opinion that the four pier plan, with basins of 350 feet in width below the upper pier, would have better suited the requirements of the harbour.

The Commissioners have now under consideration the construction of another large and improved steam dredge with the additional equipment required. If the delivery of this additional plant can be secured by the 1st of July next, it will enable the Engineer to proceed with the work in front of the Bonsecours market during next summer and autumn, and enable him to complete the addition to the new wharf on the south side of Windmill Point Basin during 190I. Of the upper end of this wharf 800 feet has been leased to the Dominion Coal Co., at a rental of $\$ 4,000$ per annum, in addition to the regular harbour dues.

Respecting the contemplated improvements in the East end, for which $\$ 500,000$ was provided at the last session of Parliament, plans and specifications are being prepared by the Government engineers, but have not yet been submitted.

Of the flood protection wall, 390 feet from the upper end near Black's Bridge to King St. has been constructed, and when completed will be another important addition to the barbour improvements.

The agreement bet ween the Commissioners and the Conners Syndicate (of which I enclose notarial copy) has, with the approval of the Governor-in Council, been completed, and the $\$ 50,000$ in cash deposited as security for the fulfil ment of the contract. I hope this arrangement in connection with our improved canal system will bring a largely increased volume of business to our Port.

|  | 1899 | 1898 | 1897 |
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| Number of sea-going vessels........... | 801 | 868 | 796 |
| Tonnage do do $\ldots$....... | 1,517,6it | 1,584,072 | 1,379,002 |
| Number of inland vessels.... | 8,877 | 6,941 | $6,384$ |
| Tonnage | 1,899,097 | 1,807,892 | 1,134,346 |
| Revenue. | \$295,569 | \$296,585 | \$255,416 |

Yours respectfully,

> James Crathern, Board of Trade Harbour Commissioner.

## SHIP CHANNEL.

In accordance with instruction of last annual meeting, the Council's report with regard to the ship channel, embodying recommendations with respect to the buoy service, lights, deepening and widening of the channel, and pilotage, was communicated to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and to the Minister of Public Works, and it is gratifying to your Council to be
able to say that many of the recommendations of that report were adopted and that they are being carried out. On the rgth April, the Council was represented by Messrs. Henry Miles, C. E. Gault and Thomas Harling on a deputation consisting of representatives of the Marine Underwriters' Association, the Royal Society of Canada, La Chambre de Commerce, the President of the Toronto Board of Trade, and the Pilots' Association, which waited upon the Government with respect to the need for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route, as evidenced by the advance in marine insurance rates on vessels using the same. The need for buoying and lighting of the channel, and the desirability of a hydrngraphic survey of the currents in the gulf and off the ocean coast, was urged by the Board's delegates, and the Premier promised that the representations made would have the consideration of the Government, and especially of the Minister of Marine.

## PILOTAGE MATAERS.

The local managers of the Leyland Line having brought to the Council's attention the grounding of the SS. "Almerian "below Quebec when in charge of a pilot, and the inadequate punishment of that pilot by the Quebec Harbour Commissioners, the matter was carefully considered by a Commit. tee, whose report thereon, as follows, was adopted by the Council :-

Montreal, November 15th, 1899.

## To the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,-Your Committee, to whom was referred the letter of the Leyland Line with respect to the steamer "Almerian" being put ashore on Beaumont Shoals by Pilot Emile Lachance, and the trivial sentence passed upon that pilot by the Quebec Harbour Commissioners for being the cause of so serious an accident, begs to report as follows :-

That there seems to have been no excuse whatever for the accident, as the channel at that point is half a mile wide, and both the St. Laurent light, which is opposite the point at which the vessel went ashore, and the next light down the river, St. Jean, were observable ;

That the suspension of the pilot over the close season of navigation until June Ist next year is practically a suspension for three months only, and that such punishment is quite inadequate for so grave an offence, the grounding of the steamer involving serious pecuniary loss to its owners, both on account of repairs and loss of earning time, while the captain, who is entirely free from blame, as the steamer being in mid-channel was apparently in deep water, will probably lose his position ;

That while the accident to the SS, "Almerian" was without excuse, and while the penalty inflicted on the pilot was altogether inadequate, your Committee does not advise that any effort be made to re-open that particular instance of the result of the present unsatisfactory pilotage service, but rather that it should be used as an argument in favour of reforming
the whole pilotage system, which the Committee advises the Government be asked to do on the following lines:-
I. That the pilotage service be thrown open to all candidates possessing the required knowledge and several years experience in practical navigation, preference being given to candidates possessing a master's certificate ;
2. That all shipping cases and charges against pilots should be tried before the Admir alty Court, and that such Court should hold sessions in Montreal as well as in Quebec, and that, pending the consummation of this greatly desired arrangement, in all cases of accident to vessels, at least two of the members of the court of enquiry should be nautical experts ;
3. That the liability of accidents to vessels when between Montreal and Quebec would be lessened under a better system of buoying and lighting the river, and therefore that the Government be urged to establish a completesystem of gas or electric buoys throughout the river, and that so far as practicable the present spar buoys be abolished.

Your Committee, in conclusion, suggests that the co-operation of the Harbour Commis sioners, the Marine Underwriters' Association and the Shipping Interest be sought in urging these recommendntions upon the Government by a joint deputation.

The whole respectfully submitted,
Henry Miles, Chairman.
In compliance with the suggestion in the last paragraph of the foregoing report, the co-operation of the Harbour Commissic ..rs, the Marine Underwriters' Association and the Shipping Interest has been sought in urging the recommendations of the report upon the Government by a joint deputation, but such deputation has not yet been arranged for.

## BUOY SERVICE IN RIVER ABOVE MONTREAL.

The instruction of last annual meeting, that the Government be asked to assume control of the buoy service above this port, instead of placing it under contract, was carried out by the following letter :-

Office Board of Trade,
Montrea:, March I4th, 1899.
Honourable Sir L. H. Davies, K.C.m.G., Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.
SIR,-Referring to that portion of the report of the Council of this Board re desired ship channel improvements, communicated to you on 8th February, which endorsed a recommendation that the placing and care of the buoys in the ship channel be taken out of the hands of contractors and assumed by the Government, I have now the honour to inform you, by direction of the Council, that the annual meeting of this Board expressed an earnest desire that your Department should assume control of the buoy service above Montreal instead of placing it in the hands of contractors.

In the spring there is need for the earliest possible placing of the buoys, and in the fall equally urgent need for the buoys being left in position until the latest possible date,
and were the control of the service in the Department's hands, it is felt that these needs would be satisfactorily met, whereas the contractors study only their own interest, and place and remove the buoys at the latest and eariiest dates respectively that their contract allows. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, Geo. Hadrill, Secretary.
The Minister's reply stated that he might not be able to cancel the contract. Your Council, being aware that the buoy service had again been performed by contractors, recently renewed representations in favour of the Government assuming control of this service, and the Minister replied on January IIth, 1900, as follows :-

I am in consultation with my officers on the subject, but it is essential before we determine absolutely to assume control that we should have a proper steamer, and I am now taking preliminary steps to see whether I can obtain such a steamer from the Minister of Public Works, or failing that, get from Parliament the necessary money to purchase one. In view of the possibilities of the future, I am very desirous of taking charge of this buoy service, in order to make it more efficient than it has been in the past, and suitable for the traffic which will indubitably take plac: there when you have your elevators built in Montreal.

## PORT WARDEN OFFICE.

Office of the Port Warden of the Harbour of Montreal-Port Warden, Captain Archibald Reid; Deputy Port Wardens, Captain Alexander T. Crighton and Captain James N. Bales. Board of Examiners 1899-1900, Charles P. Hébert, Chairman ; E. L. Bond, Thomas Harling, Geo. Sumner and Adam G. Thomson.

Appointment of Deputy Port Warden.-Captain J. A. Vibert, a DeputyWarden, having long been incapacitated from duty by reason of illness, and there being no prospect of his being able to resume the duties of his office, the necessary steps were taken early in the year to fill the vacancy thus created, with the result that the Council, on March 29th, appointed Captain James N. Bales to the office of Deputy Port Warden, and that officer entered upon his duties on 15th May.

Reduction of Fees.-The Council having the right to reduce the fees (although the Government only may increase them) pursued its policy of reduction whenever the revenue of the Port Warden office permits, by abolishing in April last the fees on ashes, phosphates and dried grain, and reducing the charge on moist pulp about one half, by ordering that thereafter the fee on that product should be charged on the dry weight thereof.

## The Port Warden's report for the past season is as follows :-

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\text { Montreal, Dec. itth, } 1899 .
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## Io the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

## Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit the annual report of the business of this office, with statements of exports, receipts and expenditures for the year 1899 .

Navigation opened by the arrival from sea of the SS. "Dominion" at 3 p.m., 27th April, and closed with the departure for sea of the SS. "Mayflower " at 7.30 a,m. on the 29th Nov., one day later than the last departure last year. We have had a remarkably mild and open fall, there being no ice, and little evidence of the approach of winter when the SS. " Mayflower" sailed ; the harbor plant and dredges worked until the 6th Dec.

The first sailing vessel to arrive was the schooner "Potanoc " on 3rd June, with a cargo of molasses from Barbadoes.

The first vessel to enter the Gulf of St. Lawrence this season by the way of the Straits of Belle Isle was the SS. "Springwall," for Quebec, which was reported to have passed through the Straits on 22nd June; later a number of steamers attempted to come by that route and were compelled, owing to the amount of field-ice encountered, to bear up for Cape Race and pass south of Newfoundland.

Four hundred and thirty four oversea or foreign going vessels of all kinds were entered at this office with a tonnage of $1,092,955$ tons, being a decrease of eighty-two vessels and 119,792 tons less than last year; this decrease was in a great measure caused by underwriters discriminating against the St. Lawrence route, the tramp class of vessel which usually come at the opening of navigation for full ca:goes of grain and lumber being prevented from coming to the St. Lawrence owing to the high rate of insurance charged on the hulls of the vessels, and in the latter part of the season by a number of the regular line steamers being withdrawn, having been taken up by the Imperial Government as transports for South Affica. The business of the port, which in 1898 was abnormally increased by tonnage diverted from the United States ports by the Spanish-American war, has been decreased this season by the wilhdrawal of ships for transport purposes just alluded to.

The business to the lower ports this season consisted of: entered, 344 vessels of all classes, with a tonnage of 402,325 tons, against 330 vessels of all ciasses last year, with a tonnage of 348,500 tons, being an increase of 14 vessels and 53,825 tons over the business of last year.

Clearances of vessels loaded for the lower ports,this season were as follows : 105 vessels of all classes, with a tonnage of 91,045 tons, against 115 vessels of all classes last season, with a tonnage of 88,600 tons, a decrease of 10 vessels, but an increase of 2,445 tons; the difference in the lower ports trade between the number of vessels entered and cleared at this office is accounted for by 239 vessels going hence light, being solely in the coal-carrying trade.

The South American lumber trade from this port has been very poor this season, owing possibly to the scarcity of sail tonnage ; there have been only two vessels loaded for the River Plate from Montreal this year.

The water in the ship channels the past season bas been somewhat lower than last year, more especially since the end of August. Notwithstanding the low water in the ship channel, the river between Montreal and Quebec has been comparatively free from accident, the stranding of the Ss. "Gallia " on Stone Island near the head of Lake St. Peter, on 14th of May and the mishap to the SS. "Parisian," when leaving this port on 3Ist August, not being attributable to lack of water in the ship channel.

The shipments of various kinds for the past season manifested and reported at this office are as per attached statement.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
Archibald Reid,
Port Worden.
Comparative Statement of Shipments Years 1898 and 1899 as per Manifests Reported at Port Warden's Office.



Statement of Lower Port Arrivals.

| Description. | 1898. |  |  | 1899 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steamers ${ }_{\text {Brigs and sehooners .... }}$ | No. | $\begin{gathered} 316 \\ 14 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37,151 \text { tous. } \\ 1,319 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | No. | $\begin{gathered} 332 \\ 12 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }^{401,219} \text { tons: }$ |
|  |  | 330 | 348,500 tons. | No. | 344 | 402,325 tons. |

Increase of 14 vessels and 53,825 tons.

Clearances for the Lowrr Ports.

| Description. | 1898 |  |  | 1899 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steamers. <br> Brigs and Schooners | No. | 105 10 | $\begin{gathered} 87,769 \\ 831 \\ \text { 4 tons. } \end{gathered}$ | No. | 93 10 | $\begin{gathered} 90,21 \\ 894 \\ \hline 1 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  | 115 | 88,600 tons |  | 105 | 91,045 tons. |

Decrease of 10 Vessels, Increase 2,445 Tons.

## DESIRED EXTENSION OF TEIEGRAPH SYSTEM TO BELLE ISLE.

There appears to be good reason to hope that the extension of the telegraph line to Belle-Isle, long urged upon the Government by this Board, will be completed during the coming season, the following extracts from letters from the Hon. Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, showing the present position of the matter :-

October 9th, 1899. - "There are, in round figures, three hundred miles more to complete the line to Belle Isle. I succeeded this year in getting the money for the completion of the work, but I am in great anxiety as to the transportation of the poles which should have been delivered October Ist, and which I understand are still in the Saguenay River. The contract for the transportation has been given in my absence, after public tenders, to the lowest tenderer. I expect news from time to time as to the chances of the poles being delivered in time for the construction of the line this winter or next spring. * * * * * * * * * I will spare no efforts to push the work as speedily as possible."

January Ioth, 1900. - I am sorry to say that the contractor for the transportation of
the poles has failed to carry out the work that had been awarded to him because he was the lowest tenderer. After he had given up his contract, I succeeded in taking down to the noth shore a couple of thousand poles; the balance lies now in Quebes and in the Saguenay River. They will be transported in the early spring, and I expect the line to be completed in the month of June, although I cannot give any positive assurance to that effect."

## SURVEY OF TIDES AND CURRENTS IN THE GULF.

The recommendation of last year's Council, that representations should be renewed to the Government in favour of the renewal of the grant for the surveying of tides and currents in the Gulf, was fulfilled by a letter to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries on March inth, when, after recapitulating the reasons in favour of the continuance of the survey, the Council urged the Minister to procure the renẹwal of the grant therefor, and asked that such grant be not less than its former amount, i.e., fifteen thou sand dollars per annum. The question was subsequently again brought to the attention of the Government by a deputation from the Marine-Underwriters' Association, the Shipping Interest and this Board, which waited upon the Government on April 1gth with respect to the urgent need for the general improvement of the St. Lawrence route in view of the recent advance in marine insurance rates.

## TRENT VALLEY NAVIGATIO...

The Trent Valley Canal Association having asked for an opportunity of discussing with the members of the Montreal Board of Trade the benefit that the completion of the Trent Canal would be to the trade of Montreal, arrangements were made whereunder a deputation from that Association addressed the April quarterly meeting upon that subject.

## TORONTO AND GEORGIAN BAY SHORT LINE RAILWAY PROJECT.

The Toronto Board of Trade, which had early in the year adopted a resolution in favour of the construction by the Dominion Government of a short line of railway between Georgian Bay and Toronto, invited your Council to join in a deputation to Ottawa respecting the development of the Canadian route from the great lakes to the seaboard, with special reference to this projected railway. The Council, while gratified at the interest thus displayed by the Toronto Board in the matter of the improvement of the St. Lawrence route, was constrained to reply with respect to the projected
short line railway that it was strongly opposed to the principle of the construction of railways by the Government, but that if it were proposed to endeavour to procure the construction of the said short line by private enterprise, assisted by bonuses from the Provincial and Dominion Governments, the Council would be prepared, when fuller information was forthcoming with respect to the cost of the line and cost of freighting and transferring at both ends, to consider the project with a view to supporting the Toronto Board in asking the Dominion Government to grant such assistance.

## RESPONSIBILITY OF RAILWAYS FOR DELIVERY OF GOODS CARRIED OVER MORE THAN ONE LINE.

Representations being made that when goods are carried over more th in one line of railway, the railway of final delivery is not responsible for any damage unless it can be proved that the darnage happened while the goods were in its possession, the matter was fully considered by the Council's Railway Committee, and subsequently the following memorial on the subject was addressed to the Minister of Railways and Canals :

Office Montreal Board of Trade,

## To the Honourable A. G. Blair, Minister of Railvays and Canals, Oltawa.

The Memorial of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade Humbly Sheweth, -

That, owing to representations made by members of the Board, your Memorialists have given consideration to the question of the responsibility of railway companies for goods consigned on through bills of lading, and which are carried by more than one line ;

That your Memorialists understand that under the Canadian law the responsibility of each railway company for goods carried by it is limited to the period that the goods are in its charge, and that the railway of final delivery is not responsible for any loss or damage unless it can be proved that such happened while the goods were in its possession ;

That under the Canadian law consignees continually suffer serious losses from damage and shortage on importations which have been carried by more than one railway, and that as it is rarely possible for the consignee to prove in whose possession the goods were when the damage or losses occurred, he cannot recover compensation for same;

That in the United States the law is much more equitable, for there each and every railway company is responsible for the final delivery of the goods in good order and condition as received from the original shipper ;

Wherefore your Memoriali,ts respectfully urge that you will take into consideration the matter of the responsibility of railway companies for goods carried by them, with a view to the enacting of legislation that', shall make the railway company delivering the goods
responsible to the consignee for any loss or damage that may have occurred to them since leaving the hands of the consignor.

Signed on behalf of the Council of the \} Montreal Board of Trade.

Chas, F. Smith, President. Geo. Hadrill, Secretary. Montreal, 28th June, 1899.

The Minister in acknowledging the foregoing memorial said that the Board might rest assured that its representations in this regard would receive due consideration.

## DISCRIMINATING RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES ON COAL OIL.

Detailed complaints were made in February with respect to the action of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways in advancing rates on oils on through shipments from Pernsylvania to Montreal, and also on local shipments of United States olls, said discrimination being alleged by the complainants to be in favour of the Standard Oil Trust. While the subject was under consideration, the railway companies withdrew the local discriminating rates complained of, but, as no action was taken by the railways with respect to the discrimination on through shipments, the Council communicated to the Minister of Railways and Canals copies of the complaints it had received, with the intimation that the Council cousidered the matter deserving of the Government's attention.

## POSTAL MATTERS.

Additional Mail from New York.-As the last mail from New York to Montreal closed at 5 p. m., and the bulk of the letters in New York are mailed about 6 p. m., a large amount of such correspondence for this city was received a day late ; the Council therefore communicated with the local post office authorities, suggesting the sending of a mail by the Adirondack train which leaves New York at 7.30 p . m., which suggestion was immediately acted upon, arrangements being made whereunder the New York Post Office has since then despatched a mail by that train, closing there at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and reaching here daily, excepting Sundays, at 7.45 2. m.

## CUSTOMS MATTERS.

Collection of Duty on Commission Charges.- In consequence of a complaint received from an importing house with respect to the exaction custom duty on commission charges, the Collector of Customs, Mr. R.S. White, was interviewed by the Secretary with aspect thereto, and the Collector
thereafter wrote quoting the departmental instructions on this point, and briefly defining them as follows:-

Under the departmental instructions such commission is expressly exempted from duty when the goods are bought in the name and on the credit and account of the importer, and so invoiced. When the goods are bought in the name and on the credit and account of the commission house, and invoiced by the latter to the importer in Carada, the transaction is regarded as a sale by the commission house to the Canadian merchant, and duty is levied accordingly. It would appear, in fact, that when the transaction is fully disclosed by the manufacturer's invoice to the importer being produced, the agent's commission will not, as a rule, be made dutiable.

With the Collector's explanation before it, the Council saw no reason to take exception to the regulation, and so informed the complaining firm ; but, as subsequently the Dry Goods Association of the Board urged the Council to endeavour to proc"re the withdrawal of the said regulation, the matter was referred to the following special committee for consideration and report after consultation with the representatives of the Branch Associations interested : Messrs. R. W. McDougall, Wm. McMaster and Jas. IV. Knox. That Committee reported that, after corsultation with the representatives of the fancy goods, hardware and dry zoods importing trades, it recommended that the Minister of Customs should be asked to receive, on his next visit to this city, a deputation of importers who would explain the injustice of the regulation and the objections there are to its continuance. The Minister, the Honourable Mr. Paterson, very kindly met this request for an interview by attending with the Commissioner, on December 7 th, in the Council Chamber of this Board to receive the deputation. The subject of duty on commission charges was fully discussed, and the difficulty of formulating a regulation which would exempt actual commission charges and yet revent deduction from the value of the goods by reputed commission charges was made apparent. The Minister, however, said that he intended to obtain the views of other trade centres on the matter, and that thereafter it might be possible for him to formulate a regulation which would be more acceptable to importers generally.

Advantage was taken at the interview with the Minister and the Commissioner to protest against a recent change made by the Department with respect to the collection of duty on packing charges.

The Council conveyed its thanks at the time to the Honourable Mr. Paterson for his kindiess in receiving the deputation here instead of requiring the members to proceed to Ottawa, but it takes this opportunity to repeat its acknowledgment of that much-appreciated courtesy.

## INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

The Council renewed, early in the year, the endeavours made by its predecessors towards securing the passage of insolvency legislation, and was encouraged in its effurt by an intimation received from the Bankers' Association to the effect that the idea of having an insolvency bill was generally approved of by that Association, and that it had appointed a committee to study $\cdot \mathrm{Mr}$. Fortin's Bill and suggest certain changes to articles 46 and 48 thereof. The Council then (on 26 th April) adopted the following resolution, which was communicated to Mr. Fortin :-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, believing that the commercial communities of this country are agreed with it in earnestly desiring, wi hout further delay, the passage of legislation by the Dominion Parliament providing for the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvent traders, has given consideration to the Bill respecting Insolvency introduced last session by Mr. Thos. Fortin, M. P., and generally approves of the provisions thereof, but the Council is prepared to favourably consider the changes suggested by the Canadian Bankers' Association to articles 46 and 48 of the said bill.

That the Council is most anxious that this long sought for and much needed insolvency legislation may be passed during the present session of the Dominion Parliament.

In May, newspaper paragraphs appeared to the effect that the Government did not see its way clear to assist in promoting insolvency legislation during that sessicn of Parliament, and that Mr. Fortin had therefore abandoned his bill. In consequence of this statement, enquiry was made of Mr. Fortin, who replied that he was obliged to drop his bill, as it is well known that no measure of that importance can be carried through Parliament by any member without at least the passive support of the Government, which he had been unable to secure. Your Council was greatly disappointed at the Government's inaction with respect to insolvency legislation, and adopted the following resolution, which was communicated to the Premier, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Minister of Finance :-

That in view of the earnest representations of the commercial community of this country in favour of insolvency legislation, strengthened as they have been by frequent unfavourable public and private references in Great Britain to the lack of such legislation, and to the iniquitous character of some of the Canadian provincial laws governing assignments, the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade expected that the Government would, at this session of Parliament, secure the passage of a bill for the equitable distribution of an insolvent's estate, that expectation being greatly strengthened by the circumstance that the commercial and banking interests, in their anxiety to secure such legislation, had agreed to compromise 'heir divergent views on certain points of Mr. Fortin's bill, introduced last session,-

That the Council, therefare, learned with keen disappointment of the Government's declsion not to support the adoption of insolvency legislation at this session of the Dominion Parliament, and the Council hereby expresses its conviction that, if the Government does not take early opportunity to ensure the passage of an insolvency act, the absenze of such a law will have a most unfortunate effect upon the commercial future of this country, and that, as in the past, Canada will continue to suffer in the opinion of other countries whose laws secure justice to the creditors of an insolvent debtor.

## CURATORS SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO GIVE SECURITY.

The Attorney-General having expressed the opinion that the desired amendment to Section 874 of the Civil Code, so that curators appointed shall be required to give security, does not come within the purview of Government legislation, your Council endeavoured, at the suggestion of the Wholesale Dry Goods Association, to secure such provision in a bill introduced by Mr. G. W. Stephens, M. L. A. Mr. Stephens at once expressed his willingness to have such a provision inserted, but unfortunately the bill did not pass, and so it is still optional with creditors whether or no curators give security.

## AMENDMENT OF TRADE MARK AND DESIGN ACT.

An amendment to the Trade Mark and Design Act, to permit of the registering of labour union trade marks, and to allow such trade marks to be put on all manufactured goods, provided the proprietor or manufacturer was agreeable, passed the House of Commons, but, as the Council deemed this proposal a very obnoxious one, it adopted the following resolution, which was communicated by telegraph to the Honourable Mr. Mills, the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell and the members of the Senate Committee which had the Bill under consideration :-

Resolved,-That this Council strongly objects to Bill No. 4I, "An Act in further amendment of the Trade Mark and Design Act," now before the Senate Committee, it being considered that the legalizing of such trade marks would result in abuses both com. mercially and politically.

The opposition was successful, the Bill being thrown out by the Committee.

## MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Revision of City Charter.-The position of the draft city charter at the date your Council was elected was defined in last year's report as follows : -"The draft charter, with some further revisions, has been finally approved by the City Council, and it will soon be necessary for resentatives of ren
this Board to closely watch its progress at Quebec, so as to be in attendance whenever any of the provisions thereof require support or opposition." The Private Bills Committee at Quebec having publicly announced that it would be prepared on February 15 to receive representations with regard to the financial clauses of the charter bill, your Council held a special meeting and authorized the President, with Mr. Robert Mackay, Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast and Mr. F. W. Evans, chairman of its Municipal Affairs Committee, to proceed to Quebec to present the Counci's views. Those gentlemen duly attended, Mr. Evans being the spokesman, and the suggestions made by him on behalf of the Council were subsequently embodied, at request of the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, in a memorandum as follows :-

Memorandum of suggestions made on behalf of the Montreal Board of Trade, by Mr. F. W. Evans, Chairmamof its Municipal Affairs Committee, to the Special Committee on the Montreal City Charter Bill, at Quebec, on Wednesday, February 15th, 1899.

The Board of Trade generally approves the Charter as printed, but wishes to make some suggestions, particularly with regard to the financial clauses. The Board also wishes record its desire that no general increase should be made in the special taxes now in force, believing that such taxes always have a tendency to restrict commerce and hinder the growth of manufacturing and other industries.

Taking the financial clauses first, the Board of Trade finds that a very serious change has been made since the first draft of the Charter was submitted, in which power was given to the City to increase the rate of taxation on real estate by an amount not exceeding one quarter of one per cent. The Board approved that, on condition that the Charter provide that one half of the amount so raised should be devoted to the reduction of the debt, and that such extra taxation should require annually the adortion of a special by-law by the City Council for its impositinn, so that it should not be a permanent feature of the revised Charter. In the Charter, as now printed, the funded debt is fixed in Art. 343 at $\$ 27,000,000$, and no provision is made for any increase in the amount available for running expenses. Taking the figures of 1897 , the revenue from real estate was $\$ 1,400,000$, and special taxes gave about $\$ 600,000$, making a total of $\$ 2,000,000$ from these sources, besides $\$ 650,000$ from water rates. As the expenditure for interest is about $\$ \mathbf{I}, 150,000$, there was left for general purposes about $\$ 1,500,000$, which amount, taking for granted the correctness of the expressions of opinion which have been given by parties most qualified to judge, is not sufficient to provide for the wants of a growing city of the size of Montreal, and the Board of Trade therefore still thinks that power should be given to the city to increase the tax on real estate, but only on the conditions it has suggested; so that finally the debt might be reduced to its proper limit of 15 p.c. If, however, Article 343 of the Bill is to stand, then the Board of Trade requests that Article 344 may be made more c'ear, and suggests that the following be adopted in lieu of the present wording:-

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"The City shall have the power, during such time as the consolidated debt exceeds $/ 5$ p.c. of the assessable real estate of the city, as recited in Article 343, to borrow each year for the purpose of carrying on necessary permanent public works, such as the extension of the water works and water servicas, the extension of the drainage system, the laying of permanent sidewalks and pavements, the construction and extension of municipal buildings such as markets, fire and police stations, city hall and others, opening and widening of streets, street improvements, the acquisition of such lands and buildings as may be necessary for any of these purposes, a sum of money not exceeding to p.c. of the increase in assessable real estate shown by the assessment roll in force over that of the year immediately preceding ; provided always that the total value of such taxable real estate exceeds $\$ 140,000,000$, and also that the total sum so borrowed in any one year does not exceed $\$ 300,000$. Should such increase in the value of the taxable real estate arise from the extension of the city limits by the annexation of adjacent territory, the amount of the debt upon the territory so acquired shall be added to the total funded indebtedness of the city, and the value of the real estate so annexed, as fixed by the civic assessors, shall be added to the total valuation of the assessable realty of the city."

The Board also particularly desires that Article 346, which insists that there shall be a majority of two thirds of the City Council for the appropriation of said moneys, should stand.

Auditors. - The Board of Trade is of the opinion that independent auditors should be appointed, and suggests that probably they might be named by the Provincial Government.

Art. 23. In this and all articles of a similar nature the Board of Trade believes that a majority of at least two-thirds should be required to carry a resolution vetoed by the Mayor.

Articles 29, 36 and 37 have the support of the Board of Trade, and it trusts that no alteration will be made in them.

Article 45, giving Joint Stock Companies a right to vote, is a provision that has been much needed, and the Board trusts that it will remain a part of the Charter.

Article 300 , clause 46. The Board of Trade thinks that, as there are factory inspectors appointed both by the Province and the City, this clause should be very carefully worded in order that there should be no conflict between them, and so that factory owners should not be put to unnecessary expense in trying to comply with the demands of both.

Shortly afterwards the following memorandum of amendments suggested by your Council was communicated to Mr. R. Bickerdike, M. L. A., with a letter referring to the Council's objection to taxing special industries or doing anything to hamper manufacturing or commerce, and expressing the Council's belief that, however unpopular the measure might be, the only equitable method of raising the money necessary for carrying on the work of the city is to increase the rate on real estate, which increased tax would serve the double purpose of bringing more money for the current expenses of the city and of gradually decreasing the debt.

Memorandum of Amendments suggested by the Board of Trade to Private Bill No. 59, "An Act to revise, amend and consolidate the Charter of the Ci'y of Montreal." The Board of Trade wishes that clause No. 36r be amended as follows:-
In second paragraph delete the words "Machinery and other property so fixed or related to any building or lani as to form part of the realty," and also the words "the generation or."

In third paragraph insert after "assessed value of such property" the following paragraph :-" But during the time that the funded indebtedness of the City is greater than " fifteen per cent. of the assessed immovable property within the city, the Council may "; annually enact a by-law, effective for the succeeding twelve months only, providing for " the imposition and collection of an additional assessment not exceeding one quarter of "one per cent. upon the immovable property subject to taxation and assessment, and that "the amount coll-cted thereunder shall be used in the proportion of fifty per cent. towards "the liquidation of the debt in excess of the limit of fifteen per cent. of the immovable pro" perty, and fifty per cent. towards current expenditure."

The Board of Trade asks that you seek to re-introduce Clause 45, giving joint stock companies a vote.

The Porrd of Traile asks that you take special care that Ciause $3 \ddagger \mathrm{~b}$ is not taken out or changed.

On March 6!h it became necessary to present the Council's views respecting the charter bill before the Legislative Council's Committee, and this was undertaken by Mr. F. W. Evans, Mr. Wm. McMaster and Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast, who proceeded to Quebec and presented the following memorandum: -
Memorandum of Representations made on behalf of the Montreal Board of Trade, by Mr. F. W. Evans, Chairman of its Municipal Affairs Committee, to the Special Committee of the Legislative Council on the Montreal City Charter Bill, at Quebec, on Monday, 6th March, 1899.
The Board of Trade generally approves the Charter as printed in the Bill, but wishes to make some suggestions, particularly with regard to the financial clauses.

Taxation.-Taking the financial clauses first, the Board approved giving the City power to impose an extra rate on real estate not exceeding one quarter of one per cent., on condition, however, that the Charter provide that one half of the amount so raised should be devoted to the reduction of the debt, and that such extra taxation should require annual. ly the adoption of a special by-law by the City Council for its imposition, so that it should not be a permanent feature of the revised Charter. In the Charter as now printed the funded debt is fixed in Art. 343 at $\$ 27,050,000$, and no provision is made for any increase in the amount available for running expenses. Taking the figures of 1897 , it is found that, after providing for interest, there was left for general purposes about $\$ 1,500,000$, which amount (taking for granted the correctness of the expressions of opinion which have been given by parties most qualified to judge) is not sufficient to provide for the wants of a growing city of the size of Montreal, and the Board of Trade therefore still thinks that power
should beg ven to the City to increase the tax on real estate, but only on the condition it has suggested; so that finally the debt might be reduced to its proper limit of 15 per cent. However unpopular such increase of real estate taxation may be, the Board of Trade believes that it is the only equitable .method of raising the money necessary for carrying on the work of the City, and the following proposed amendment to Art. $3^{61}$ is drawn on that pripciple. In third paragraph insert after the words "assessed value of such property," the following words:-"but during the time that the funded indebtedness of the city is " greater than fifteen per cent. of the assessed immoveable property within the city, the " Council may annually enact a by law effective for the succeeding twelve months only, " providing for the imposition and collection of an additional assessment not exceeding one " quarter of one per cent. upon the immoveable property, subject to taxation and assess" ment, and that the amount collected hereunder shall be used in the proportion of fifty per " cent. towards the liquidation of the debt in excess of the limit of fifteen per cent. of the " assessed immoveable property, and fifty per cent, towards current expenditure."

This increased tax would serve the double purpose of giving more money for the current expenses of the city and of gradually decreasing the debt.

The Board desires that no general increase should be made in the special taxes now in force, believing that such taxes always have a tendency to restrict commerce and hinder the growth of manufacturing and other industries.

Two-thirds Majority Vote.-The Board of Trade is also particularly anxious that Art. 346, which insists that there shall be a majority of two-thirds of the City Council for the appropriation of moneys raised by virtue ot Art. 344, should stand.

Auditors.-The Board of Trade is of the opinion that independent auditors should be appointed, and suggests that probably they might be named by the Provincial Government.

Veto.-Article 2ij. In this and all other articles of a similar nature, the Board of Trade believes that $\%$, majority of at least two thirds should be required to carry a resolution vetoed by the Mayor:

Factory Inspection.-Article 300, clause 46. The Board of Trade thinks that, as there are factory inspectors appointed both by the Province and the City, this clause should be very carefully worded, in order that there should be no conflict between them, and so that factory owners should not be put to unnecessary expense in trying to comply with the de. mands of both.

Taxation of Machinery. - The Board of Trade objects to the taxation of machinery and other property so fixed or related to any building or land as to form part of the realty, and the taxation of machinery used in connection with the generation of power, light, heat, and it therefore desires that the second clause of Article $36 \mathbf{r}$ be amended so as to read as ollows :-
" Immoveable property shall comprise lands, buildings 'erected thereon, and also all " pipes, poles, wires, rails, tunnels and other constructions and apparatus of every nature " used in connection with the distribution of power, light, heat, water, electricity or for " traction puiposes, whether any of the same be constructed or placed upon, over or under " property, street highways, or elsewhere within the limits of the City."

Income Tax.-The Board if Trade does not favour this clause or any special tax on non residents.

Foint Stock Companies' Vote,-Article 45 giving Joint Stock Companies right to vcte is a provision that has been much needed, and the Board of Trade trusts that it will remain a part of the Charter.

Tax on Mashinery.-Clause 361 of the Charter Bill providing for the special taxation of machinery, the manufacturers of the City petitioned the Legislative Council, praying for the elimination of the said clause. The Council, which had already opposed such taxation, readily supported the manufacturers' petition by adopting the following resolution on March ist :

[^0]The Legislative Council did not, however, adopt this amendment, and the assessors have taken the ground that, under the Charter as it stands, they have no option, and are compelled to value for taxation all machinery without exception. The result is that manufacturing concerns are leaving the city, and it is evident that if the tax is not abolished the consequences will be disastrous.

Your Council, therefore, noting at its meeting on December 20th that the City Council was to consider the question of the taxation of machinery, adopted the following resolution :-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, being convinced from the experience of its members, and front evidence submitted, that the tax on machinery is now and will continue to be injurious to the progressive interests of this city, takes the opportunity of a special meeting of the City Council having been called for Friday, 22nd inst., to consider the by-law in relation to that tax, to unanimously urge the City Council to forthwith take the necessary action to procure such amendment of the City Charter as will abolish the tax on industrial machinery."

At the meeting of the City Council referred to in the foregoing resolution it was decided to apply at the next session of the Legislature to amend the Charter by adding a clause which will enable the City Council to adopt a by-law exempting from taxation and assessment for a period not exceeding ten years, machinery, plant and tools in every manufacturing industry in the City of Montreal, except the property of persons, companies or corporations
having privileges or powers over or under the streets, or any part of the city property. While the adoption of such a by-law would relieve manufacturers from the taxation of their machinery, the fear of the tax being reimposed would deter manufacturers from establishing their factories here, and your Council, therefore, objects to the temporary character of such relief, and recommends its successors to endeavour to procure an amendment of the Charter on the lines suggested when the Charter Bill was before the Quebec Legislature, whereunder the taxation of machinery was restricted to that used for distribution or traction purposes, the following being the clause suggested by the Council :-
" Immoveable propetty shall comprise lands, buildings erected thereon, and also all pipes, poles, wires, rails, tunnels and other constructions and apparatus of every nature used in connection with the distribution of power, light, heat, water, electricity or for traction purposes, whether any of the same be constructed or placed upon, over or under property, street highways, or elsewhere within the limits of the City."

Threatened intrusion of Street Railways into the Mountain Park-The clause in the City Charter Bill protecting Mount Royal Park from the intrusion of street railways having been struck out by the Private Bills Committee, the following telegram was sent to the local members :-

Council Montreal Board of Trade, which has always protested against construction of any electric or other railway within the limits of Mount Royal Park, urges the retention of Article 547 in City Charter Bill without any alteration, so that the City Council shall not have power to alienate any portion of Park for such purposes,

Widening of St. Antoine Strest and Notre Dime Street East Opposed. -The following resolution was adopted by the Council on February i4th, with respect to the Bills providing for the widening of St. Antoine street and Notre Dame street East.

Resolved, -That the Council of the Montreal Board of I rade, being of opinion that in the present state of the City's finances no further additions to its indebtedness should be au:horized, hereby earnestly protests against the passage of Bill No. 76, "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Montreal, and in particular the Act 59 Victoria, Chapter 49," the same providing that the City shall be bound to proceed with the widening of Notre Dame street east ; and Bill No. 119, "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Montreal," providing that the City shall forthwith widen St. Antoine street.

In taking this action the Council fol'o ved in the steps of the 1897 Council, which had successfully opposed the passage of similar bills.

Re organization of Police For ce Necessary.-The number of burglaries committed in this city during the past fall, and the apparent inability of the police to cope with the evil, led the Council to adopt the following resolution for communication to the City Council :-

That the frequency of successfui burglaries in this city, and the failure of the police to prevent their recurrence, shows that the police force and detective service are incapable of fulfilling their duty of protecting property ;

That the Council of the Board of Trade therefore asks the City Council to take the necessary steps for the re-organization of the police force, with special reference to the improvement of its detective service.

That resolution was referred by the City Council to the Police Committee, whose reply, as follows, appears to the Council to emphasize the need for re-organization that its resolution declared necessary :-

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\text { Montreal, Nov. 24, } 1899
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Geo. Hadrili., Esq.,
Secretary Montreal Board of Trade.
SIR,- Your communication, re rearganization of police force, after submission to the City Council, was referred to the Police Committee and read at its last meeting on 23 rd inst.

In answer, I am directed to say that the Police Committee is satisfied that the police force, as well as the detective service, are doing all in their power with the limited means at their disposal to put a stop to the burglaries and to protect property.

I am further directed to add that the said Committee does not see that the police force needs to be reorganized.

John J. Barry,
Secretary Police Department.
Endorsation of Citizens' Petition asking for Royal Commission on Civic Administration.-A petition of citizens to the Lteutenant-Governor in Council praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the civic administration of this city received the endorsement of last year's Council, and, on the occasion of the presentation of that petition to the Honourable Mr. Marchand, Provincial Premier, which took place on May 3 Ist at the Government offices in this city, your Council was represented by two of its number, the Honourable J. K. Ward and Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast. The Honourable Mr. Marchand, in receiving the petition, assured the deputation that the matter would receive the Government's earnest attention, and that a speedy reply to the prayer of the petition would be given ; the Royal Commission has not, however, yet been appointed.

Special Civic Taxation of Departmental Stores.-The question of special civic taxation of departmental stores having been brought before the Council by a local organization, a reply was sent stating that, while the Council was in favour of imposing upon departmental stores their fair share of taxation, it was not at present prepared to endorse any particular system of doing so.

## MONTREAL TOURISTS ASSOCIATION.

As a result of representations made to the Council on March 22 by a deputation from the Montreal Tourists Association with respect to the aims of that Association, the Council adopted the following resolution :-
"That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade having been made aware, by a deputation from the Montreal Tourists' Association, of the objects of that organization, hereby records its hearty endorsement thereof and its belief that, as the City will doubtless benefit largely by the work of the Association, sitizens generally should support the same."

CONTEMPLATED PROCURAL OF DIRECT CABLE QUOTATIONS OF CANADIAN DAIRY. PRODUCTS.
The Butter and Cheese Association having requested the Council to make arrangements with the Provision Exchange of London to furnish the. Association with daily direct official cable quotations of Canadian cheese, butter and eggs, and that this information be confined to members of that Association, the Council replied that it was willing to authorize the expenditure, but that it could not, as requested, confine the information received by such cable quotations to members of the Butter and Cheese Association. The Butter and Cheese Association decided that unless the use of such cable advices could be restricted to its members, it would not ask that the expense of their procural be incurred.

## MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

As a result of a lengthy and interesting letter from the representative in Canada of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, the Council adopted, on May 1o, the following resolution:-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, having read with great interest the communication of Mr. R. Dawson Harling relative to the Manchester Ship Canal and the Manchester Liners, Limited, hereby places on record its high appreciation of the efforts of the Canal and Liners' Companies to open up direct trade between the Port of Manchester and the Dominion of Canada, and the Council further expresses the hope that the efforts of those two Companies may prove so entirely successful as to result in great advantage to this Dominion and to the Port of Manchester.

## THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM.

An invitation from the Philadelphia Commercial Museum to accept permanent membership on its International Advisory Board was accepted, the invitation stating that the membership of that Board included all the leading commercial organizations in the United States, and many in Mexico,

Central and South America, South Africa, India, Australia, China and Japan ; also that these organizations conferred with the Board in an advisory capacity, and instruct it as far as practicable in the direction of a general development of international commerce, and the removal of any trade disabilities between their respective countries and the United States. Diplomas of membership were subsequently received, together with a letter stating that the Museum officers trusted that the Montreal Board of Trade would cooperate with them to the fullest extent, and that the members, individually, would feel quite free to address them on all topics of mutual interest.

## INTERNATIONAL CCMMERCIAL CONGRESS AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Council accepted in May an invitation from the Philadelphia Commercial Museum for this Board to be represented at an International Commercial Congress to be held in conjunction with a Commercial Exposition at Philadelphia, in October, the invitation stating that the delegates would be the guests of the City of Philadelphia. Your Second Vice-President, Mr. Henry Miles, undertook, at the request of the Council, the duty of representing this Board on the occasion, and he compiled for submission to the Congress a most interesting paper on the export trade of Canada, which is embodied in the report that that gentleman made on his return to this city ; copy as follows :-

Chas. F. Smith, Esq.,
Montreal, November 2nd, 1899.
President Montreal Board of Trade, Montreal.
Sir,
I beg to report to you that I attended the International Commercial Congress at Philadelphia from the opening day, October 12th, until 24th. The first two days, October 12 th and $13^{\text {th }}$, were devoted ${ }^{\text {to }}$ opening ceremonies and addresses by the representatives of the various Governments present.

On Saturday, October 141b, I had the honour to address the Congress as a delegate from the Montreal Board of Tiade, and I now transmit to you a copy of the address as it will appear in the records of the Congress. The other matters of interest to the trade of this country that nere louched upon by the Congress were presented in the form of resolutions. These were a follows;
I. "That in the opinion of this Congress the transportation problem is of the importance to the Western agriculturist, miner and lumberman, and with the completion of the canal svstem of Canada to a uniform depth of fourteen feet, which can be used on equal terms by the ships of the United States and Canada, and the large consumption of American products by Cenada, and the community of interest growing between the two corntries, justifies the reasonableness of a request that the use of the inland waters and canal systems
be extended to the shipping of both countries on equal terms, including the right to trade between any Ports."
2. "Whereas, expression has been given at this Congress favouring closer trade relations with other countries, and
" Whereas, the free exchange of natural products of the United States and Canada would tend to the mutual advantage of each;
"Therefore, resolved: That this Congress recommends the appointment of a commission representing both countries, for the purpose of formulating a plan which can be submitted for approval by the respective Governments."

The first was carried unanimously at one of the morning sessions; the second, however, elicited a lengthy discussion, participated in by quite a number of the delegates present. The view of Australians as well as many other foreign delegates was that, if this principle $a_{1}$ plied at all, it should not be confined to Canada. Finally, it was carried, but not with the unanimity or hearty expression that was desired by some of the Canadian delegates.

As stated above, the first resolution met with the heartiest reception, and was carried practically without discussion, but I as your representative took no part whatever as to the second motion, I felt that I did not carry with me the expression of the members' views, and was without instruction from the Council.

The Hon. Mr. Dobell was on the platform when my address was presented; he took an active part in many of the proceedings, and was especially energetic in favour of both resolutions being adopted. It will interest you to learn that, throughout the proceedings of the Congress, the sentiment and frequent expression favoured reductions in the various high tariffs of the world. To state it in a few words, the opinion expressed was that international commerce cannot be to any extent increased or improved between countries having in force on one side or the other high tariffs.

There can be no doubt as to the close connection existing between the organizers of the Commercial Museums at Philadelphia and of the Commercial Congress, and the Government of the United States. I, therefore, believe that action by the latter is likely with regard to many matters to be in keeping with or following the lines of the recommendations of the Congress. One can infer that a general reduction in the Customs Tariff of the United States is within the limits of probability.

The delegates of the Congress were treated most hospitably by the United States and by the City of Philadelphia, Many excursions and entertainments were carried out-the most notable event in this direction being the invitation of the President of the United States to the Congress to visit Washington. Everything was provided in every direction towards the pleasant and satisfactory carrying out of this trip. I had the honour along with the other delegates of being presented to the President at the White House, where the reception was given on Saturday, October 2Ist. The members of the Cabinet of the United States were present, as also the Diplomatic Corps.

In conclusion, I may say that I have but one suggestion to offer to this Board, and that is in connection with the Commercial Museum which is now well established at Phil. adelphia. I observed that nearly all countries had exhibits of natural as well as of some manufactured products nicely arranged in the Museums, and in regard to any of which the officers in the building can give the fullest information to buyers or merchants. These exhibits were arranged, first, by countries in separate rooms, and, second, in classes, there being duplicate samples of everything.

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I think that Canada should have an exhibit of natural products at any rate in this permanent Museum. This can possibly be brought about by this Board's making a representation upon the subject to the Dominion Government.

I have the honour to remain,
Yours truly,
Henry Miles.
Address delivered by Mi. Henry Miles, Delegate from the Montreal Board of Trade, to the International Commercial Congress, Philadelphia, October, 1899.

## Mir. President and Gentlemen,-

I have the honour of participating in this great commercial gathering as a delegate from the Montreal Board of Trade, Canada, First, I would extend to this meeting hearty greetings from the business men in Canada, whom I am here to represent, and to the Directors of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, to whose energy and untiring effort is due the holding of this International Commercial Congress, I tender the warmest and best wishes for success.

It is quite apparent that the organizers-our hosts to-day-have already the enjoyment of the first two essentials making for the ultimate success of their project, i. e., in the number of National Governments that have accepted participation in this Congress-in the number of acceptances of invitation by commercial bodies in various countries, and in the large attendance of delegates actually present to-day in this great city of Philadelphia.

The ultimate success sought is in the direction of an increased interchange of commerce between the United States of America and the other nations of the world. For each country contributing to this issue, there exists the same interest. The interest is one for us all here, and in speaking of the natural products or of the manufactures of any country represented upon this occasion, the country's delegates will be but adding information or data upon which an increased commercial activity may be sought. Canada has many natural products similar to those of the United States, and with which her interest may stand in the light of a competitor-yet the position is not invariably such. The commerce between the United States and Canada is quite important, notwithstanding the tariff disabilities existing on both sides of the international boundary. These tariff obstacles, and, in fact, I believe all matters that tend towards restricting commerce between the two countries, or that offer at all the opportunity for misunderstanding, are at this present time engaging the attention of the respective governments, and it is the earnest hope of our business community that a fully satisfactory solution of every item and difficulty may speedily be reached.

As a Canadian merchant, I can tell you that hope is centered in the direction of increased commerce with our great and near neighbour. Propitious conditions, or those tending towards the fullest realization of this hope, are unfortunately in a measure dependent upon the respective revenue requirements of the two countries, and with Canada, at any rate, a proper respect and consideration for vested interest is involved, i, e., the capital invested in the manufacturing industries has had a measure of tariff protection for many years past which cannot be immediately alterea.

It is the view of competent authority that a desire upon both sides to meet the question
fairly can secure greatl, increased and more satisfactory trading. The policy of the Government of Canada is undoubtedly to foster foreign trade. Production for export has been greatly encouraged, and no stone has been left unturned that would facilitate or cheapen transportation and favor the profitable marketing of produce. The foreign or export trade is deemed in Canada an all-important factor in the stability of our national life, and from a commercial point of view we have reached a plane of success. For the past two years Canada's exports have been greater than her imports.

Since the confederation of the Dominion of Canada-a period of some 3r years-the imports have exceeded the exports in value nearly 500 million dollars. During this period the imports exceeded the exports-one y ear- $\$ 52,000,000$. In 1868 the Canadian exports were exceeded by imports, $\$ 20,000,000$. The turn in the tide of commerce-the index of prosperous stability-that which has so long been striven for, has come to us. In 1897 Canada's total exports exceeded her imports by $\$ 18,731,644$, and in 1898 by nearly $\$ 24,000,000$. The value of the exports of 1898 was $\$ 164,152,683$. The value of imports $\$ 140,3^{2} 3,053$, a total trading with the outside world of $\$ 304,475,736$.

Canada stands in the position of selling more than she buys. The returns for the year 1899 will, it would now appear, show a large increase in the figures I have quoted and a continued augmentation in export trade.

Canada's trade is most important with Great Britain and the United States. The aggregate import and export trade, with both countries, on the basis of goods entered for consumption and exported for the past five years, was as follows in value:

| 1894 | Great Britain. <br> . $\$ 107,256,123$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1895. | . 92,988,727 |
| 1896. | 99,670;030 |
| 1897 | 106,639,690 |
| 189 | 137,499,735 |

United States.
\$88,844,040
95,932,197
103, 022,434
111,022,513
124,410,926
Value.
. $104,998,818$
45,705,336
while the imports entered for consumption were:

> From Great Britain
> From United States

The percentage of duty collected on the value of goods entered for consumption, dutiable and free, for 1898, was 16.95 per cent., and the customs duty collected in that year represents $\$ 4.22$ per head of population.

Figures such as I have presented to you are interesting in connection with the subject I would deal with, and are especially so in the consideration of the commercial position and progress of Canada-a colony of the British Empire and a comparatively recent participant in the world's trading. Not long ago the word or name "Colony" indicated usually a far-off part or territory that afforded an easy market to the mother country, and in that
respect alone yielded a return to the parent nation through her mercantile community for the expense of colonization and protection,

Canada has passed from this stage, and while affording a good market for the Mother Country has extensive trading relations with many of the manufacturing or producing countries of the world-a buyer in the open markets and a seller in a greater extent at the same time. My object now is to speak of the products, natural and manufactured, of Canada-to refer to what we have to offer for sale outside our own borders. In other words, and to state as briefly as possible, I wish to expose to you what Canada's contribution can be towards that increased interchange of commerce which the business men of my native country so earnestly desire. It may not be out of place to state here that Canadians are a free people. Our furm of government is by the popular will, and with bright and intelligent leaders the people govern themselves well. We owe allegiance to our great and good Queen Victoria, and to the institutions of the British Empire we bow. Love, pride and respect are the links in the chain of our happy bondage.

The Parliament of Canada enacts the laws under which we live, and amongst the duties of this body one is to define the fiscal policy of the country. The Tariff and Customs Acts deal with especially the import trade-a most interesting feature to those who would have access to our market and to trade within our borders. While the Imperial sanction may be necessary before treaties can be entered into with foreign countries, it can be said that our own tariff is an all-important factor, and rests within the power of Canada's legislators. Canada at present gives a certain preference in her tariff upon the produce or manufactures of Great Britain with some exceptions, and also has a commercial treaty in effect upon some specific items with France. Why is the preferential tariff of Canada ( 25 per cent. reduction) not applied to other countries as well as to the British Emfire? The benefit of this rebate has not so far been claimed by other countries for the reason that in every direction Canada is met with tariffs of a more or less prohibitory character, and in no direction with reasonable modifications that would enable our Minister of Customs to consider we were getting a fair return advantage. It is for you, gentlemen, to remedy this. Great Britain admits the products of her Colonies, as well as those of all other nations, free of duty. Let us see in what measure this condition can be met by other trading nations. It is not unreasonable to ask the question, "Why should Canada extend the preferential tariff to countries that tax heavily or prohibit the importation of the products she exports?" After Great Britain, our largest business is with the United States, and we import more heavily from that country than from across the ocean. We would look with plaasure upon an example being given by the United States in this matter. It is worthy of consideration, and would appear as within the scope of the aim of this Congress. I commend this point to the attention especially of the delegates who represent the business interests of this great Union.

With the United States, as also with other nations and states, there is a great desire upon the part of Canada to foster and increase international commerce, and it is for practical business men to encourage and pave the way to the improving or amending of existing conditions. In opening wider our market to foreign competition, we look for a reasonable return-an advantage in one form or other for our own products that will extend and in crease our export business.
I will now mention the principal exports of Canada for 1898:Animals: Cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry$\$ 12,000,000$
Breadstuffs : Barley, beans, buckwheat, corn, oats, peas, rye, wheat, bran, oatmeal, wheat flour, malt. ..... $40,000,000$
Carriages, carts, bicycles, etc ..... 480,000
Coal, charcoal, etc ..... 3,469,000
Cordage, twine, rope, etc
152,000
Manufactures of cotton ..... 578,000
Drugs, dyes, chemicals ..... 575,000
Fish and produce of fisheries ..... 10,563,000
Fruits, apples, etc ..... 1,783,000
(In the year previous, 1897, value was $\$ 3,161,000$.)
Furs and manufactures of ..... 1,924,000(In 1894 the value was $\$ 2,850,000$.)
Hay358,000
(In 1894 the value was $\$ 2,601,000$.)
Hides, horns, tails, skins, other than fur ..... 1,082,000
Hops ..... 25,000
Leather and manufactures of ..... 1,630,000
Gold and silver ..... 7,109,000
Metals and minerals and manufactures, total ..... 13,246,000
Musical instruments ..... 370,000
Oil cake ..... 199,000
Oils ..... 79,000
Raw pelts ..... 39,000
Provisions :
Butter ..... 2,523,000
Cheese ..... 18,486,000
Eggs1,255,000
Bacon and hams ..... 8,046,000Canned meats255,000
Other meats and lard ..... 609,000
Total value of provision exports, $\$ 31,146,000$.
Seeds
Ships ..... 532,000
Spirits and wines ..... 191,000
Stone and manufactures ..... 289,000
Sugar and molasses ..... 370,000
144,000Tobacco and manufactures
Vegetables, potatoes, etc ..... 197,000
Wood, timber, lumber, deals, etc., and manufactures of ..... 741,000
Wool and manufactures of ..... 29,363,000
Coin and bullion ..... 243,0004, 623,000

Any information that may be desired in respect to these lines can readily be obtained by addressing the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa, the capital of the Dominion.

I will now refer in detail to some of the branches of Canadian export trade :
The paper and pulp industry is making great progress, and our present position is indicated by the following facts:
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" "chemical pulp mills...................................................... 12
" " ground pulp mills. 23
These mills turn out :
64,000 tons of paper yearly.
35,000 tons of chemical pulp per year.
125,000 tons of ground pulp per year.
The capital employed in this industry is $\$ 9,000,000 ; 3,250$ people are employed and $\$ \mathbf{1}, 200,000$ is paid in wages annually. There are at present mills in course of construction that will increase the figures given by 25 per cent., and it may be stated that the supply of crude material is practically inexhaustible.

The fish industry of Canada is a very important one, affording employment to a large section of the population on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and partial sustenance to a still larger number of persons. For several years past the average export value has been in round figures ten million dollars yearly. The once plentiful supply of herring and mackerel on the Atlantic coast of the Dominion has for some years not been forthcoming, the reason given for this fact by the fishermen being that the fish have migrated to the coast of the British Isles. The canning of salmon and lobster has become an important industry in British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces respectively, salmon constituting about one-third of the value of the total exports, canned lobsters about one fifth, and dried codfish constituting another third.

Butter and Cheese.-The high esteem in which Canadian dairy produce is held in Great Britain to-day as compared with ten to fifteen years ago is most marked. Not more than ten years ago the British community declined to entertain any offers of Canadian dairy proiuce unless they could procure it at a lower price than United States produce. This was a state of affairs that Canadians felt must be changed, and, as soon as this fact was realized, efforts were made at once to improve the quality, and to see if something could not be done to turn out an article superior to that of our competitors. As a result of these efforts the position has been completely altered, and Canadian dairy produce to-day occupies the same position toward Great Britain as the cther did ten years ago ; that is, Canadian dairy produce commands a higher price in England to-day than the produce of those who compete with us in this branch. This has been attained by placing at the disposal of the factorymen a satisfactory system of transportation, and by employing competent men termed inspectors, who visit each factory from time to time and keep carefal oversight as to quality.

Products of the Forest.-There are about 6,000 saw mills in Canada giving employment to not less than 15,000 men. The average output of these mills is about 400,000 feet
per season. The output from the 100,000 square miles under license in the various provinces is 2,500 million feet board measure, and in addition there is a large amount taken from private lands. The carrying trade and commerce is largely indebted to the forest, more tonnage being employed on the St. Lawrence and canals in conveying timber and lumber to market than on any other commodity. My colleague, Hon. J. K. Ward, will likely address you at a later session, and it is his purpose to go more minutely into this subject.

Grain.-The Province of Manitoba produces the bulk of the wheat grown in Canada, this year's crop for export being estimated at fifty million bushels. A large proportion of this product finds its market in Europe via the St. Lawrence route or the Erie canal route. Ontario produces wister wheat, but, being a thickly populated province, the bulk of this product is consumed locally.

The Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are both large producers of oats, peas and barley, and the surplus of same over consumption is exported to Europe. A superiority is claimed for Canadian cereals, due, the producers assert, to the climate of our northern country.

None of these agricultural products of Canada find a market in the United States, for, as that country produces the same cereals in profusion, it is a natural competitor with us in their export to foreign markets.

The Live Stock trade has varied greatly in the past few years. The variation is dependent upon the market and demand abroad, and not so much upon the ability of Canada to supply. Montreal, the commercial metropolis of Canada, is the principal shipping point, and the following statistics of that port from 1893, and covering a portion of the present year, will give a fair index, in the numbers of head shipped, of the character of that trade.

The shipments of Live Stock from the port of Montreal since 1893 have been as follows :

During Season of Navigation.

| 1893 | Sheep. | Cattle. | Horses. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1894 | 3,743 | 83,322 | 1,660 |
| 1895 | 139,780 | 86,635 | 5,623 |
| 1896 | 210,607 | 94,972 | 13,303 |
| 1897 | 76,520 | 98,507 | 10,421 |
| 1898 | 60,638 | 117,347 | 10,051 |
|  | 34,991 | 99,189 | 5,827 |


68,724 3,695
The Egg Trade.-This trade bids fair to develop far and away beyond any possible calculation based upon past records. Until comparatively recently the surplus production was shipped to the United States market. The change made a few years ago in the United States tariff obliged the seeking of a more profitable outlet. The result of experiment has opened to us an almost unlimited market in Great Britain. This has given a
marvellous impetus, and production has largely increased. Figures obtained from reliable sources expose the fact that the importation into the British Isles amounts in value to nearly $\$ 15,000,000$ annually, the supplies coming from France, Denmark, Belgium and Russia. We have overcome the first difficulty met with, i.e., the transportation across the ocean in proper condition. To succeed in competing for a share of the egg trade in the British market, scrupulous care and attention is necessary to many details. The farmerthe gatherer-the storekeeper and the exporter are obliged to closely co-operate to fulfil all the necessary conditions. Cold storage or refrigeration in transit has proven rather detrimental than otherwise, shippers finding ventilation and care all round preferable. Provision to this end is now sought from the railway and steamship lines. The cities of the United States would seem our natural market for this product, but the tariff in force practically prohibits the trade.

The Canadian Poultry Trade.-The poultry trade of Canada has completely changed within the past few years, the market for our surplus poultry being now the United Kingdom, instead of the United States, as formerly. The preparing of poultry for the English market has developed into a science, English importers having been sent over to instruct our people as to the best mode of killing and dressing. The raising of turkeys, geese and chickens has grown to large dimensions during the past year or two, and this year will show a very large increase. A good authority on this subject estimates that about $3,500,000$ pounds of dressed poultry will be shipped to Great Britain during the coming season, against about $2,300,000$ pounds last season. The poultry is bought alive from the farmers by exporters, who kill and dress for the Liverpool, Manchester London, Bristol and other markets, instead of for the New York and Boston markets as in former years. The change is attributable to an adverse alteration of the United States tariff.

Cotton Industry of Canada.-Up to $\mathbf{1 8 7 4}$ there was very little done in the manufacture of cotton ; the product of the mills to this date consisted nostly of gray cloth, ging. hams, etc.; in the above-mentioned year the Montreal Cotton Company commenced to build their mill at Valleyfield to make white goods, this being the first attempt in Canada on a large scale to bleach by machinery. This has become one of the best equipped mills on the continent, and produces a great variety of colored goods, employing nearly 2,000 hands, with an annual output of two million dollars. The Dominion Cotton Company mills at Hochelaga, the mills at Magog and other places are a credit to Canada. The Colored Cotton Company's mills at Cornwall, St. Croix, etc., are all doing a good business. There are in Canada 22 cotton mills, containing, say, fifteen thousand looms and eight hundred thousand spindles, employing a capital of twelve million dollars, and producing goods of the value of, say, eight million dollars per annum. The only print mill in the country, that at Magog, on the whole has been a success, producing goods that are popular. The diversity of cotton fabrics made in the country has helped to keep our market to ourselves and also to export a little occusionally, and giving employment to, say, 10,000 people. There has been no cotton machinery made in Canada up to the present except by a Valleyfield Company, which makes the Crompton Draper Loom, a great labor-saving machine. Business at present is good, and all our mills are running to their full capacity to supply our own market; we find it difficult to
export when we find it hard to hold our own with an average protection of at least 30 per cent. duty.

Canada with her population of less than six million people has now in operation a most extensive system of railways and canals, enabling the carriage to her ocean ports of the products and manufactures I have enumerated-a system which, considering the enormous area of the Dominion and comparative smallness of the population, can unhesitatingly be spoken of as marvellous,

Nature has given us the mighty St. Lawrence-the greatest natural highway in the universe-and to this the pluck and enterprise of our citizens have added canals to overcome the difficulties of the rapid running waters at several points, facilitating thereby upward navigation. We have now a 14 foot waterway from the Great Lakes to the tide waters of the Atlantic, and the season of 1900 will witness a great change in the transportation of the produce of the west. The St. Lawrence navigation extends from the Straits of 'Belle Isle to Port Arthur at the head of Lake Superior, a distance of 2,260 miles. The canals of Canada were built and are operated by the Government, and the cost to the country has been about eighty million dollars.

The railways of Canada cover 18,000 miles. The capital invested by the railway companies of Canada amounts to 98I million dollars, and the Government railways cost approximately 60 million dollars.

I mention these facts seeking to demonstrate to you that the Canadian people are endowed with energy and enterprise, and that they have an unbounded confidence in their country and in the future.

Nature has blessed Canada with boundless resources in forest and mine, in the waters that gird her shores and in the productiveness of her soil. With increasing population will these great blessings we possess be developed. The past and the present generation have laid a foundation of which we are to-day proud, and, in realizing the first fruits in our national aim, we look forward hopefully to the future of our country.

We join in the hopes and desires of our great neighbor for greater commercial activity within and without the borders of this continent, of which we can feel pride in being a part. We hail this opportunity with pleasure, indeed, to meet in congress here the representatives from so many clımes, those who carry the message of commerce from far and near, for we wint in Canada not only to improve and increase our commerci 1 relations with the United States, but with all nations to whom we can offer Canada's products and to whom we can offer a market.

Mr. President and Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention, and in concluding I again extend the best wishes of the Montreal Board of Trade for the success of this great undertaking.

The recommendation at close of Mr. Miles' report to the President with respect to the desirability of Canada being represented by an exhibit at the Philadelphia Permanent Museum, was adopted by the Council, and carried out by a letter to the Government representing the need for a good exhibit in that Museum.

## IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

From time to time the Curator of the Canadian Section of the Imperial Institute writes desiring to be placed in communication with the Canadian producer or manufacturer of certain articles, and the Council gladly gives its assistance in such matters. In a recent letter the Canadian Curator wrote as follows :-

I may add that I shall be always happy to make preliminary enquiries for any Canadian houses who may desire to find openings in this market, and to furnish names of possible importers of their goods.

## fourth congress of chambers of commerce of the empire.

Intimation has been received that the London, England, Chamber of Commerce has decided to proceed with the organization of a Fourth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held towards the end of June, this year. This Board has been invited to co-operate in that Congress by delegating one or two residential colonists to represent it. The Council has thought it best to leave to the incoming Council the appointment of delegates to that Congress and the decision as to action on the subjects to be discussed thereat.

## INSPECTION AND OTHER OFFICES.

Inspection of Wheat and other Grain.-Inspector, Hospice Labelle. Board of Examiners, 1899, E. F. Craig, Chairman ; A. G. McBean, Alex. McFee, Jos. Quintal, Adam G. Thomson.

Selection of Standard Samples.-The meeting at Toronto for the selection of standards of grain grown east of Port Arthur, held 21st September, was attended by the three Montreal representatives, Messrs. E. F. Craig, C. B. Esdaile and Alex. McFee.

Inspection of Flour and Meal.-Inspector, Phileas Rousseau. Board of Examiners, 1899, J. E. Hunsicker, Chairman ; A. E. Gagnon, W. A. Hastings, H. W. Raphael Lionel J. Smith.

Inspection of Hay,-Inspector, none. Board of Examiners, 1899, John Crowe, C. B. Esdaile, Jos. Quintal, Jos. Robillard, Jas. Scott.

Inspection of Leather and Raw Hides.-Inspector of Leather, J. H. Mooney ; Inspector of Raw Hides, Anselme Bissonnette. Board of Examiners, 1899, Jas. Linton, F. C. A. Mcindoe, Jas. Price, Thaxter Shaw, J. Alex. Stevenson,

Inspection of Beef and Pork.-Inspector, none. Board of Examiners, 1899 James Allen, W. H. Masterman, Stewart Munn, Jos. Ward.

Inspection of Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes.-Inspector, Edward J. Major. Board of Examiners, 1899, C. H. Cunningham, R. Lacy Dillon, Henry Dobell, W. S. Kerry, Jno. E. Kirkpatrick, D. T. Tees.

Compulsory Inspection desired,-The Board of Examiners renewed in May to the Minister of Inland Revenue former representations made as to the need for the inspection of ashes being made compulsory, but while the Minister, in his reply, admitted that there might be more reason for return. ing to the compulsory inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes than of many other articles, the desired amendment to the Act was not procured.

Inspection of Fickled Fish and Fish Oil.-Inspector, none. Board of Examiners, 1899, John Baird, Albert Hebert, R. P. McLea, L. E. Morin, Stewart Munn.

Inspection of Buiter.-Inspector, none. Board of Examiners, 1899, A. A. Ayer, P. W. Mcliagan, D. A. McPherson, Thos. Shaw, J. A. Vaillancourt.

Office of Weigher, Measurer and Gauger.-(Established prior to date of Inspection Law). Weigher, Measurer and Gauger, D. Cameron. Board of Examiners, 1899, Chas. Chaput, Chairman; Thos. J. Drummond, Arthur J. Hodgson, Jno. E. Kirkpatrick, D. L. Loekerby.

## THE GRAIN AND PRODUCE TRADE.

Wheat.-The year 1899 has not been marked by any excitement in prices, as was the previous year. There has been a gradual decline in values from the first of the year, and December showed the lowest price on the crop.

Ontario has had a small crop of winter wheat this year, and considerable of it is of inferior quality, and there is not likely to be very much of it for export. The spring crop yielded better; the quality is excellent, and considerable is being exported.

The crop in Manitoba and the Territories is probably the largest ever harvested, estimates running from 35 to 45 millions. The quality is good, a large proportion of it grading No. \& Hard. The prices have been fair, and farmers have sold quite freely.

The shipments of wheat from this port during 1899 exceeded the previous year by over a million bushels, the increase being almost altogether in Manitoba wheat, more of which has been exported via the St. Lawrence route this year than ever before.

Corn.-The exports from the port of Montreal during 1899 were considerably under those of the previous year, which were the largest in the history of the port.

Prices have been on the whole fairly high, and, though the last U. S. prices keep firm.

Peas.-The crop of 1899 in Ontario, according to the Government report, shows larger returns than the previous year, and prices have therefore come down to a lower basis. The demand is good, and farmers are obtaining fair returns.

Oats.-The exports of oats from this port during 1899 show a large shrink age from the previous season. This is owing to the diversion of considerable quantities of Ontario oats to Portland, and to the farmers not having marketed very freely on this crop.

The Ontario and Quebec crop of oats is very large, and the exports during the coming summer are likely to show a considerable increase over the past season.

Barley. - The Ontario crop this year is a good one, and the quantity is in excess of last year. There is a good export demand for this grain, owing to the shortage in the Russian crop.

Rye.-The 1899 crop of rye is about the usual one, and a small quantity is being shipped out for export.

Hay.-The hay crop this season is not so heavy as last, but with large reserve from 1898 the quantity available equals a good average yield. Prices started fairly low, but, owing to large purchases by Britain for shipment to South Africa, values have recently increased considerably, and prices are now above the average. Shipments to England have been curtailed to a great extent by lack of ocean tonnage. There is a fair demand in the United States.

Flour.-The flour trade during the past year has been entirely free from excitement ; prices have varied but very little, and profits as a rule have been small. The outlook is still for quiet unprofitable markets, the only satisfactory feature being that there is very little probability of any material drop in values.

Tables showing the receipts and shipments of grain and produce at Montreal will be found at close of this report, the aggregates of Grain, Flour and Meal for the past five years being as follows :-

|  | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1896. | 1895. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receipts. ...... | Bush. 38,316,779 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bush. } \\ 48,204,900 \end{gathered}$ | Bush. 37,563,039 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bush. } \\ & 31,110,321 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bush. } \\ 18,035,332 \end{gathered}$ |
| Shipments..... | 39,934,678 | 46,135,205 | 34,776,942 | 27,847,821 | 15,771,364 |

Butter.-The past year has been a most successful one for our dairymen. The make has been largely increased, and found a ready market at excellent prices. Our farmers would do well to persevere and still further increase their product. The consumption of butter in the English market is enormous, and our producers are therefore assured of an outlet for all they can make.

Cheese.-The feature of the cheese market during the past season has been a steady demand with phenomenally high prices, caused in part by drought ir England the past summer, which decreased their home make. The stocks in Canada at the close of this season are reported to be slightly under those of the previous year.

The following table shows the receipts and shipmets of butter and cheese at and from Montreal during the past five years :-

|  | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1896. | 1895. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Butrer. | pkgs. | pkgs. | pkgs. | pkgs. | pkge. |
| Receipts...... | 572,141 | 417,247 | 454,651 | 302,333 | 203,482 |
| Shipments..... | 494,953 | 334,174 | 245,347 | 177,169 | 77,828 |
| Chese. | boxes. | boxes. | boxes. | boxes. | boxes. |
| Receipts....... | $1,912,580$ | $2,118,877$ | $2,546,592$ | $1,774,791$ | $1,796,916$ |
| Shipmeits..... | $2,206,702$ | $2,208,442$ | $2,287,422$ | $2,015,253$ | $1,729,651$ |

N.B.-It is estimated that about 150,000 boxes of Cheese are received annually which are not included in these returns.

## THE LIVE STOCK EXPORT TRADE.

Cattle. -The shipments of cattle from this port continue to decline, only 81,804 head having been exported this season as compared with 99,049 in 1898, a decrease of 17,245 . This falling off in the exports is accounted for by the fact that, owing to the heavy de nand and the profitable prices ruling there, large numbers of Canadian cattle were exported to the United States, many of which would ordinarily have found their way to foreign markets through this port. Although the exports were not large, the season's business was very profitable to shippers.

Sheep.-A steady demand and good prices during the whole season has resulted in a large increase of the exports of sheep from this port, the returns showing the total exports to be 58,277 head, an increase of $\mathbf{2 3 , 2 8 6}$ over last year. The trade was very satisfactory, the average price here remaining about the same as last year, while on the British market values were much higher.

Horses.-While the exports of horses show a large decrease, the season's trade has been, like that in other live stock, profitable. The exports have been steadily decreasing since 1895, the figures for this year being 4,739 head as against 5,822 for 1898 and $\mathbf{1 2 , 7 5 5}$ for $\mathbf{1 8 9 5}$.

Shipments of Live Stock from Montreal to particular Ports during Seasons of Navigation, 1899, 1898, 1897 and 1896, with total figures for eighteen preceding years.

| Port. | 1899. |  | 1898. |  | 1897. |  | 1896. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cattle. | Sheep. | Cattle. | Sheep. | Cattle. | Sheep. | Cattle. | Sheep. |
| Liverpool........ | 30,271 | 12,960 | 37,630 | 8,462 | 47,514 | 15,241 | 36,956 | 18,156 |
| Glasgow.......... | 12,347 | 22,650 | 23,587 | 18,313 | 28,573 | 31,860 | 24,984 | 38,486 |
|  | 18,057 | 14,603 | 19,849 | 5,947 | 24,324 | 9,951 | 23,047 | 13,862 |
| Bristol..... ..... | 10,099 2,587 | 3,083 | 8,743 3 | 988 | 9,866 | 922 | 8,034 | 4,033 |
| Newcastle ....... | 6,112 | 3,640 | 5,741 | 1,281 | 4,840 3,599 | 2,017 | 2,453 <br> 1,060 | 2,125 703 |
| Mardiff .... ....... | 2,331 | 1,341 |  |  | ${ }^{472}$ | 76 |  |  |
| Ports in France .. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,826 | 3,306 |
| Total shipments | 81,804 | 58,277 | 99,049 | 34,991 | 119,188 | 61,254 | 100,360 | 80,671 |
|  | Year. |  | Cattle. | Sheep. | Ye |  | Cattle. | Sheep. |
| Total Shipments.. | 1895........ |  | $96,582$ | $217,399$ | 1886...... |  | 63,932 | 93,850 |
| " $\quad$. |  |  | 87,604 | 139,763 | 1885. |  | 61,947 | 39,401 |
| " "\% .. | 1893. |  | 83,322 | 3,743 | 1884. |  | 57,288 | 62,950 |
| - | 1892 |  | 98,731 | 15,932 | 1883. |  | 49,090 | 84,790 |
| " " .. | 1891.. |  | 109,150 | 32,042 | 1882. |  | 28,358 | 63,667 |
| " " .. | 1890. |  | 123,136 | 43,372 | 1881. |  | 27,536 | 55,538 |
| " " .. | 1889. |  | 85,670 | 59,334 | 41880. |  | 41,730 | 74,502 |
| " | 1888. |  | 60,501 | 45,528 | 81879 |  | 21,626 | 62,550 |
| " | 1887 |  | 64,632 | 36,027 | 1878 | ... | 15,963 | 31,841 |

The following Table shows approximately the Amount of Money turned over during the Business Season of 1899 :-

| 81,804 cat le, valu |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 58,277 sheep, valued at $\$ 5$ each. | \$1,908,240 |
| Oceau freight, on cattle, at \$8 | 291,385 |
| Ocean freight, on sheep, at $\$ 1$ per h | 654,432 |
| Railway carriage, on cattle, at $\$ 3.25$ | 58,277 |
| 12,000 tons of hay, at $\$ 7$ per ton. | 265,863 |
| 3,500 tons of feed, at \$18 per | 84,000 |
| Ship fittings, on catte, at \$1.75 | 63,000 |
| Insurance, on cattle, at $\$ 1.25$ per | 142,157 |
| Insurance, on sheep, at 25 c per hea | 102,255 |
| Keep at yards, on cattle, at 50 c per | 14,569 |
| Loauing fees, on cattle, at 50 c per hea | 40,902 |
| Attendants, at \$15 each...... ...... | 40,902 |
|  | 60,000 |
| Total expenuiture. | \$6,725,982 |

The following table shows the shipments of horses to particular ports during the year 1899, with comparative figures for 1898 :-

| Liverpool |  | 1898. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| London................................... ............ | 837 | 1,14ŏ |
| Glasgow...................... . .... .................. | 1,686 | 2,609 |
| Bristol............... .............. .......... . . . . . . . . | 806 | 1,091 |
| Newcastle............... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 1,408 | 895 |
| Belfast........................ . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . |  | 64 |
| Total | 2 | 18 |
| Sal................................ ........ | 4,739 | 5,822 |

THE LUMBER TRADE.
The following table gives the total exports of lumber during 1899, with comparative figures for the four preceding years :-

| 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1896. | 1895. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ft. B.M. | ft. B.M. | ft. B.M. | ft. B.M. | ft. B.M. |
| $290,063,787$ | $335,429,290$ | $315,312,166$ | $221,334,580$ | $175,372,976$ |

## LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE READING-ROOM DURING 1900.



BRITISH-Cont.
WEEKLY-CONT.
London.
Spectator.
Saturday Review
Speaker.
Public Opinion,
Economist
Mark Lane Ex-
press.
Grocer and Oil
Trade Review
*Commerce
Fair Play.
Syren and Shipping.
Canadian Gazette.
Liverpool...... Weekly Mercury, Edinburgh .... Weekly Scotsman Dublin.......... Weekly Irish Times.

MONTHLY.
London.
.*Chamber of Com merce Journal.
*British Trade Journai.
*Board of Trade Journal (Gov.)
Nineteenth Century.
Contemporary Review,
FortnightlyReview, Review of Reviews
English Illustrated Magazine.
Strand Magazine.
Idler.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Leisnre Hour.
Art Journal.
Magazine of Art.
Artist.
Studio.
Edinburgh.... Blackwood's
Magazine.

## ANNUAL.

London
Lloyd's Register

## CONTINENTAL

WEEKLY.
Paris $\qquad$ ...L'Illustration. Le Monde Illustré. La Revue de Paris.

TWIOE A WEEK.
Paris.
, Le Fermier.
tWIOE A MONTH.
Paris.
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Revue des Deux Mondes.

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## NEW MEMBERS

The following gentlemen were admitted to membership in the Board during 1899, and have qualified therefor :-

Admitted January 4th.
Alex. McIntosh, 319 Victoria av.
F. W. Lyoch, of Meesrs. F. Daignault \& Co.

Admitted January 26th.
Jno. B. Caverhill, of Messrs. Caverhill \& Kissock.
E. A. D. Morgan, of The Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry.
Martin Power, of Messrs. Watson \& Todd.

## Admitted February 8th.

B. B. Kessen, manager Bank of Ottawa.

Jas. R. Kinghorn, with The Montreal Rolling Mills Co.

Admitted February 22nd.
Samuel M. Baylis, 204 St. James street.
W. H. Brown, general manager The Royal Electric Co.
Albert G. Higginson, 30 St . Francois Xavier street.
J. P. Kavanagh, The Ogdensburg Coal and Towing Co.

Admitted March 1st.
R. Prefontaine, president Laurentian Water and Power Co.
Patrick Rafferty, of The Export Lumber Co.

## Admitted March 15th.

Gidéon Bourdeau, representing J. F. Harris of Cbicago.

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\text { Admitted March } 29 \text { th. }
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A. G. Walsh, Insurance Agent, 107 St. James street. Admitted April 12th.
Samuel E. Lichtenhein, of The Montreal Cotton and Wool Waste Co.

Admitted April 26th.
Jos. T. Lalonde, of Messrs. Lalonde \& Desroches.
McDuff Lamb, 24 University street.
Admitted May 3rd.
F. W. Ootter, of Messrs. Dobell, Beckett \& Co.
Fitehburg Railway, 416 Board of Trade Building.
J. McDonald Oxley, of The Faramel Manufacturing Co.

Admitted May 17th.
Henry Birks, of Messrs. Henry Birks \& Sons.

Admitted May 31st.
Messrs. Furness, Withy \& Co., Ltd.
Admitted June 7th.
J. F. McGregor, Alexandria, Ont.

John Orpe, 43 William street.
$\underset{\text { Esdaile. Wight, of Messrs. Wight \& }}{\substack{\text { Norman } \\ \text { Es }}}$ Esdaile.

## Admitted July 6th.

Richard Ware, of Messrs. Wm. Ware \& Sons.
J. R. Clancy, with Messrs. H. \& A. Allan.

Admitted July 27th.
John A. Richardson, manager Imperial Bank.

Admitted October 11th.
E. S. Jaques, of The Northern Elevator David Mahaffy, of Messrs. Wilson \& Mahaffy.

Admitted October 18th.
L. M. Metcalfe, with H. D. Metcalfe, 201 Board of Trade Building.

## 'OBITUARY.

Mr. J. H. Winn, died September 14th, 1899.-Although, owing to his advanced age, Mr. Winn had not for some years past taken part in any of the Board's meetings, many members will gratefully recall the valuable service he rendered the Board in the several offices he held. The Council was represented at the funeral by a delegation of its number and the Secretary, and at its first Council meeting after the event the following resolution was adopted :-

That the death of Mr. J. H. Winn on fourteenth instant, at the ripe age of eighty-two, removes one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of the Montreal Board of Trade

That, becoming a member of the Board in July, 1860, Mr. Winn's high character and marked ability soon won the confidence of the membership, he being elected Treasurer the following yeaz ; and from then until 1888 he was almost continuously in office, serving as Vice-President in 1864, President in 1865, Vice-President in 1867, Councillor in 1868, President in 1869 , and Councillor for the ten years 1878 to 1887 inclusive, besides serving at times on the Board of Arbitration;

That as a mark of regard and respect for Mr. Winn the Council attended the funeral, and that it now tenders to the widow and family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

Mr. David G. Thomson, died November 5th, 1899.-The sudden death of Mr. Thomson, the representative of this Board on the Harbour Commission, and a past member of the Council, was very generally regretted. The Council adopted the following resolution and attended the funeral in a body :-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, having met specially for that purpose, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the death of Mr. David G. Thomson, Harbour Commissioner for the Board, which took place on the firth inst., the sad event following quickly upon his being suddenly stricken with paralysis when on 'Change the previous day ;

That the entire unexpectedness of Mr. Thomson's illness and death has evoked in a special manner the sympathies of the general membership of the Board, and that on their behalf, as well as for itself, the Council assures the widow and family of its most heartfelt sympathy in their grief;

That the Council desires to avail itself of this opportunity to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Thomson to the Board of Trade, both as a member of the Council during the years 1896 and 1897, and since that time as the representative of the Board on the Harbour Commission, in which latter capacity his mature experience was of the greatest benefit to the interest of the port ;

That, in token of regard for Mr. Thomson, this meeting of the Council be now adjourned, and that the Council do attend the funeral in a body, and that the general members of the Board are hereby requested to join the Council in paying that last tribute of respect to Mr. Thomson's memory.

Sir J. William Dazuson, C. M. G., F. R. S., Principal Emeritus of McGill University, died November 19th, 1899.--Although* Sir William Dawson was not a member of this Board, the Council felt that it could not allow the death of so eminent a man to pass without paying a tribute of respect to his memory, and it accordingly adopted the follow ing resolution with respect thereto:-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, while sadly recording its deep sense of the loss that Montreal and the Dominson generally have suffered by the death of Sir J. William Dawson, C. M. G., F.'R. S., for a long series of years Pincipal of McGill University, takes comfort in the remembrance of his wonderfully useful an: beau iful life, and in the thought that his high example will long be recalled as an incentive to other men ;

That Sir William Dawson was a man of exceptional character and gifts, and that throughout his long and busy life he devoted himself to the cause of education and dis. semination of scientific truth, attaining as a savant to a rank which was recognized by two hemispheres;

That as the head of the chief university of this Province, Sir William Dawson rendered services to higher education which can hardly be over-estimated; that as a citizen he was ever on the side of any movement he judged to be promotive of the progress or welfare of this city or the country in general, and that he enjoyed the respect and atiection of citizens of every origin and creed;

That the Council extends to Lady Dawson and the other members of the family its sincerest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. Hugh McLennan, died November 21st, 1899.--Mr. McLennan's sudden death was a sad surprise, for on the afternoon of the day that he died he had attended the funeral of his old friend Sir William Dawson. The following resolution was adopted by the Council :-

That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has learned with sincerest regret of the death of Mr. Hugh McLennan, one of the oldest, most useful and most esteemed members of the Board, a former president, and for a quarter of a century its representative on the Harbour Commission ;

That Mr. McLennan's position in the business world was one of exceptional distinction; on subjects connected with those branches of trade and industry with which his experience brought him into constant association, he was an authority second to none; with the history, character and needs of the tansportation facilities of the country, especially those connected with the St. Lawrence route, he was intimately acquainted, and he had given careful study to all questions thereto related;

That not only was Mr. McLennan an able man, but he was, like most successful men, of untiring energy and industry ; he held high positions in the governing bodies of several of our leading financial and industrial institutions, his services in connection with education generally, and McGill University in particular, being well known;

That both as a citizen and in private life Mr. McLennan was a man of the finest type, not only in his mental endowments, which he had turned to good account by constant cultivation, but in his unblemished integrity and fine sense of honour ; and that the Council considers it cause for pride that the business community of this city should produce such men;

That the cordial sympathy of the Council is offered to Mrs. McLennan and other members of the family in their great bereavement.

Mr. McLennan's funeral being strictly private, the Council could not attend thereat.

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, died January 12th, 1900.-Mr. Ogilvie's death was of startling suddenness, and created a profound sensation among the members of this Board, to whom, for so many years, he had been such a familiar figure on 'Change. The Council held a special meeting the next day, at which the following resolution was adopted, and, lin company with the members of the Board of Arbitration and a large number of the general membership, it attended the funeral :-

That the announcement of the sudden death of Mr. W. W. Ogilvie yesterday, when in apparently perfect health, came as a severe shock to the members of this Council, and that they meet to day to testify their sorrow an to put on record their sense of the loss which Montreal and the Dominion generally have sustained;

That, by Mr, Ogilvie's death the Board of Trade loses one of its foremost and most useful members, whose services have been almost continuous for the past twenty years; he was a member of the Council for six years, baving been elected in 1880, a member of the board of arbitration for five years, served as vice-president in 1887, and as president during 1893 and $\mathbf{1 8 9 4}$; during the former year the new building of the Board was opened, and Mr. Ogilvie discharged the duties of president at the ceremonies attendant thereon with signal tact andedistinction ;

That in building his own fortunes Mr. Ogilvie contributed in a marked manner to build up this Dominion, of which he was always so proud of being a native, for his foresight, activity and energy in extending the milling industry helped largely in the development of the wheat growing areas in Manitoba;

That the Council mourns the loss of Mr. Ogilvie's great abilities and wide experience in mercantile matters, and in common with the general membership of the Board, it will long sadly miss on 'Changs his forceful and genial personality;

That the Council do attend the funeral, and that the Board of Arbitration and the general membership of the lioard is hereby requested to join it in this expression of esteem and regard for Mr. Ogilvie;

That the Council extends to Mrs. Ogilvie and the family its deep sympathy with them in their sad bereavement, and trusts that they may find some consolation in the universal expressions of regret which Mr. Ogilvie's death has called forth throughout the country.

## INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

 BOARD OF TRADE.A very cordial invitation was received by this Board to be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade of the Maritime Provinces, which was held in St. John, N.B., on August 16, but the absence from town of most of the members of the Council rendered it impossible for the invitation to be accepted.

## RECORD OF GENERAL MEETINGS HELD DURING 1899.

April 4, Quarterly General Meeting.-The chief business of this meeting was the question of the erection of grain elevators in the harbour, but prior to that being discussed, opportunity was given to Messrs. D. W. Dumbell and John Carnegie, delegates from the Trent Valley Canal Association, to address the meeting with reference to the Trent Valley navigation. Thereafter the grain elevator question was discussed at length, but, it being late in the afternoon before the meeting was ready to vote, it was found that there was less than the required number of members present (75) to constitute a quorum and so no pronouncement was made.

November 21.-Special General Meeting held for the election of the Harbour Commissioner for the Board of Trade to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. David G. Thomson ; Mr. James Crathern was unanimously elected.

## ALTERATION OF SYSTEM OF SIGNING CHEQUES, ETC.

At the suggestion of the Treasurer, the Council in May relieved that officer from the responsibility of issuing, on his individual signature, cheques, drafts and notes, by passing a resolution requiring that such be signed by the President, Treasurer and Secretary, and that in the absence of either the President or Treasurer they be signed by one of the Vice-Presidents, and in the absence of the Secretary by the Assistant Secretary. In order that the provisions of this resolution may be made permanent, a by-law embody. ing same will be offered at the annual meeting for your adoption.

## CLERKS' TICKETS.

The issuance of Clerks' Tickets is a custom originally confined to the Corn Exchange Association, but it has been continued by this Board without change since the amalgamation of the two bodies. Recently, however, the question of the issuance of Clerks' Tickets to the members of firms has
been raised, and the Council has taken the opportunity to adopt the systen for the Board generally by ordering as follows :-That Clerks' Tickets, non.. transferable, entitling the holder to all 'Change privileges, shall be issued on the application of any member whose annual subscription is already paid, to any of his employees, but such tickets shall not be issued to any member of a firm. That the charge for such tickets shall be ten dollars per annum.

## THE BUILDING.

There is little to ${ }^{\circ}$ report during the past year with respect to the Building. The tenants of the large wareroom on the third floor in the western wing being obliged to leave on account of needing more space, that room was divided into offices which are how all rented.

## THE BOARD'S FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Statement shows that the net revenue from the Building has been increased over that for 1898 by $\$ 580.02$, and that there is again a surplus on the whole transactions of the Board. The Building has been maintained in the same excellent condition as heretofore, and several improvements made which will tend to increase its revenue.

The Assessment for the widening of St. Nicholas Street, which has been referred to in former reports, has been again contested by one of the interested proprietors, and the Board of Trade is not therefore obliged at present to pay its share, which on the last roll was $\$ 10,956.27$, to which must be added several years interest. It would be advisable for the incoming Council to consider the best means of providing for this very heavy liability, payment of which will not likely be much longer delayed.

## REPORTS OF BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS.

The annual reports of the Branch Associations of the Board will be found as follows :-Of the Corn Exchange Committee of Management, p. 61 ; of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, p. 71 ; of the Wholesale Dry Goods Association, p. 72 ; of the Marine Underwriters Association, p. 73; of the Butter and Cheese Association, p. 76; of the Metal and Hardware Manufacturers and Merchants Association, p. 79 ; and of the Bankers' Section, p. 8 r .

## CONCLUSION．

A perusal of the foregoing report of the work of the Council during its year of office will show that the following subjects demand further action and they are therefore commended to the attention of the incoming Council：－

The passage of Insolvency Legislation．
The Amendment of the City Charter so that manufacturers shall be relieved from taxation of their machinery．

Reform of the Pilotage system． The whole respectfully submitted， CHIAS．F．SMITH，President．

## Office of The Montreal Board of Trade， Montreal，January ${ }^{2} 7,1900$.

Record of Attendanee at the Thirty Regular Meetings of Counoil， held during year 1899－1900 up to 17 th January，1900，indlusive．

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There were also five special meetings of the Council held during the year．

## STANDING COMMITTEES， 1899.

Executive，－Chas，F．Smith（President），Chairman ；Robert Mackay（ist Vice－ President），Henry Miles（2nd Vice－President），F．W．Evans（Treasurer）．

Harbour and Inland Navigation．－Henry Miles，Chairman；C．E．Gault， Thos．Harling A．J．Hoagson，David Robertson．

Rallways．－Robert Mackay，Chairmin；Thos．Harling，A．J．Hodgson，
Jas．W．Knox，R．W．Macdougall，Jas．McBride．
Municipal Affairs．－F．W．Evans，Chairman；Jas．W．Knox，John Macfarlane， Wm．McMaster，David Robertson．

Provincial Ligislation．－John Macfarlane，Chairman ；C．E．Gault，H．Laporte， Jas．McBride，M．J．A．Prendergast，Hon．J．K．Ward．

Insolvency Legislation．－Wm．McMaster，Chairman；H．Laporte， R．W．Macdougall，M．J．A．Prendergast，Hon．J．K．Ward，
Montreal Board of Trade-Financial Statement, 30th December, 1899.

N.B.-The notice of assessment of $\$ 10,956.27$ for the Board's share of the cost of widening St. Nicholas street, referred to in previous
Reporte, is still under contestation, and the Board's exact liability is therefore unknown.
$\$ 51,05401$

Montreal Board of Trade-Abstract of Revenue Account, 1899
Maintenance of Building Account :
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FRED. W. EVANS,
Treasurer.

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## Auditor's Certificate.

I have examined and audited the Books and A ccounts of the Board of Trade for the year ending 21 d Deecer, certify that above statements agree with the books and are correct. amount has leen expended this year for a merfere repair, a very considerable third ( $\$ 700$ ) has been charged to current expenses, leaving $\$ 1,400$ tonts of a permanent nature ; and of this a iditional outlay oneThe stock of supplies, eic., on han l is, as usual, certified to by the Superintendent

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE MONTREAL CORN EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION.

## To the Members of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association :

Gentlemen,-The Committee of Management submits herewith a report of the business transacted by it during its term of office.

Election of Vice.President.-The Committee of Management at its first meeting fulfilled the by-law providing for the election of one of its number to the office of vicepresident by electing Mr. E. F. Craig to that office.

Provision of Grain Elevators in the Harbour.-The instruction of last annualmeeting to your Committee to urge up $n$ the Harbour Commissioners the imperative net cessity of providing better elevator facilities for handling grain in the harbour was at once partly fulfilled by a letter to the Minister of Railways and Canals, asking that, in view of the approaching completion of the work of deepening the Canals to fourteen feet, he would provide elevator accommodation for the increased quantity of grain expected to be brough down by the larger craft which would be enabled to use the Canals by said deepening.

The circumstance that the Harbour Commissioners were inclined to favourably consider the proposal of a syndicate to erect grain elevators in the harbour, provided they were given a lengthy lease of a large portion of harbour property and other valuable concessions, led your Committee to hold a special meeting on March 21st, at which a resolution was adopted for communication to the Harbour Commissioners, urging that no such agreement should be made until those interested in the business of the port had had ample opportunity to consider the question in all its bearings. The attitude of the Commissioners towards that syndicate creating a desire amongst the members that a special meeting of the Association should be held with regard to the matter, such a meeting took place March 28 th, when a resolution was adopted for communication to the Premier, the Minister of Public Works and the Harbour Commissioners, protesting against the alienation of any portion of the national harbour of the Dominion until, at least, full opportunity had been given for discussing alternative methods of providing the elevator accommodation required.

On April Ist a deputation from this Association and the Shipping Interest was received at Ottawa by several members of the Cabinet, when the views embodied in the resolution just referred to were further pressed upon the Ministers, and their replies on that occasion were to the effect that they undertook that no lease of harbour property would be made for elevating purposes without the trade here being given due notice thereof. At the request of many members, another special meeting of the Association was held May 22nd, when a resolution was adopted stating that the Association considered that the Government should provide, before the opening of navigation 1900, as adjuncts to the Canal and Government Railway systems, such elevator and other facilities in the harbour as the requirments of the trade will demand.

The next step taken by the Committee of Management was to procure a conference with the Harbour Commissioners, which took place on June 12th. On June 15th your President attended, together with representatives from the Board of Trade and the Harbour Commission, at an interview with the Minister of Public Works, to discuss the question of building grain ele vators and providing other facilities in this port, and the President thereafter
reported that he believed that the time was opportune for the Association to strengthen the hands of the Minister in inducing the Government to proceed with the work of harbour improvement. Another special meeting of the Association was therefore held June 16th, when a resolution was adopted with reference to the need for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route, and expressing the opinion that the Government should equip the ports of Montreal and Quebec with such elevators, warehouses and other modern facilities as may be necessary for the rapid and least costly transshipment of freight from the inland to the ocean vessel. It then seemed that the Government was inclined to meet the views of the Association in the matter of the erection of a grain elevator, for the sum of $\$ 250,000$ was placed in the estimates for that purpose, but, to your Committee's great disappointment, that grant was subsequently withdrawn.

The matter thereafter remained in abeyance until November 28th, when the Harbour Commissioners, after very brief notice, decided to award warehouse and elevator sites to the syndicate before referred to, now known as the Conners Syndicate. Your Committee at once met and protested to the Premier by telegram and letter against the consummation of the contract between the Harbuur Commissioners and the Conners' Syndicate without a ffording this Association and others interested an opportunity of deliberately considering the provisions of that contract. Subsequently your Committee received, through Mr. Torrance, copy of the proposed agreement between the Harbour Commissioners and the Conners' Syndicate, and after consideration of same the following resolution was adopted by the Committee at a special meeting held December 16th:-

Resolved, "That the Committee of Management of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association, having taken communication of the draft agreement between the Harbour Commissioners and the Conners' Synd cate for the allotment of sites in the harbour for the erection of grain elevators and freight sheds, approves generally of the terms thereof, and the Committee hereby urges the Association's representative on the Harbour Commission to endeavour to obtain the insertion of clauses in said agreement which will protect the general interests of the port, the grain trade thereof, and especially the shipment of Canadian grain through Montreal."

Election of Corn Exchange Harbour Commissioner.-Mr. John Torrance's term of office as Corn Exchange Harbour Commissioner expiring August 1, 1899, a special general meeting of the Association was held that day at noon, when Mr. Torrance was re elected to the position for the term ending August $\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{1 9 0 3}$. Mr. Torrance's report for the past season is as follows:-

## Report of Representative on the Board of Harbour Commissioners.

Montreal, 15 th January, 1900.

## To the President and Committee of Management of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association:

Gentlemen, -The close of another year calls from me a report on the work of the Harbour Commission, on which I have the honour of being your representative, and I beg to submit herewith the following account of the principal work done during the past season, which has been much more extensive than usual.

Windmill Point Basin.-Dredging for the widening of the narrow point of the Basin has been continued throughout the season, and some 1500 feet in length by about roo feet in breadth has been deepened to the ship channel depth, and now only requires testing for the removal of any loose stones, before being available for navigation.

The wharf space on the S.E, side of the Basin, under lease to the Dominion Coal Company, has been provided with five railway tracks aggregating about a mile, for the serving of the new coal towers erected by the Company, and for the handling of coal at other parts of the wharf.

Harbour Enlargement Works.-The first of the new piers of Plan 12 A 2, opposite Jacques Cartier Square, commenced in the fall of $\mathbf{1 8 9 8}$, has been completed, and has been already in use. It is 825 feet long by 300 feet wide, and provides ample accommodation of the finest kind for four ordinary steaners, and is the first portion of the high level wharf system, and promises to be a great improvement over the old system, in the economical handling of the cargoes of large vessels.

The uppermost pier, or that opposite the Custom House, and the rebuilding of the shore wharf between it and the canal, were commenced about the middle of September, and some 1 too lineal feet of the crib work of the new whart and pier have been placed and filled up to low water level. Some 8 oo lineal feet of additional crib work have also been partly built, ready for placing early next spring.

Guard Fier.-The finishing of the pier to its full intended height was resumed last summer, and by the close of the season, a mile in length, extending from the Victoria Bridge downward, had been completed, and the tracks used in the construction taken up.

The Commissioners, in view of the large extent of wharf construction undertaken, ordered in the fall of 1898, a large dredge, a powerful steel tug, a floating derrick and three scows. These were all built and put into commission, except the dredge, which, through unfortunate delays, will not be delivered until next spring.

The year 1899 has leen memorable in the history of the harbour, by the agreement between the Commissioners and the Conners Syndicate. It called forth any amount of discussion in the various bodies interested, and in the newspapers, and as finally passed and amended is a very different document to that originally proposed by the Syndicate. Vour Association strongly opposed at first the granting of the privileges sought by the Syndicate under the apprehension they would be disastrous to the existing trade, but under fuller information ultimately fell into line with the other commercial bodies.

Your representative, under your instructions and in full concurrence with your views, endeavoured to the best of his ability to get the clauses modified as far as possible, but was only successful to a moderate extent. He opposed very strongly Clauses 4 B and $\mathbf{I I}$, maintaining to the utmost, that it would have been very much wiser (and in this most of the Commissioners concurred, but had to give way owing to the attitude of the Syndicate) to have given the Syndicate the upper end of the southerly side of the Basin, next to the coal towers, for a length of $\mathrm{I}, 500 \mathrm{ft}$., thus leaving the lower end, as being most suitable for railway purposes, and to fix the maximum rates for unloading, storing and loading grain.

With these two exceptions, your representative was in hearty accord with his brother Commissioners, under the belief that the arrangement will be found a good one for the harbour.

The Revenue of the Harbour has been slightly less than that of the preceding year, aggregating $\$ 295,569.42$, against $\$ 296,585 . c 0$, or a deficiency of $\$ 1,015.58$, while the seagoing tonnage has also been less, aggregating 8or vessels with a tonnage of $1,517,611$, against in the previous year 868 vessels with a tonnage of $1,584,072$, thus showing a defi' ciency of 67 ves 1 s and $66,46 \mathrm{I}$ tons.

The inland vessels, however, show an increase, aggregating 8,877 vessels with a tonnage of $1,899,097$, against in the previous year 694 I vessels with a tonnage of $1,807,892$ tons, thus showing an increase of 1,936 vessels with a tonnage of 91,205 .

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## John Torrance, <br> Harbour Commissioner for the Corn Exchange Association.

## Improvement St, Lawrence Route.-The Minister of Public Works, Honourable Mr. Tarte, having on June 15 met in this city representatives of this Association, the Board of

Trade and the Harbour Commissioners, and indicated his willingness to favour the expenditures necessary for the improvement of the St. Lawrence route, a special general meeting of the Assoclation was held on June 16, when a resolution was adopted for communication tothe Govern ment urging that the Government should supplement the work of deepening the canals by undertaking the following works:-Providing Port Colborne with the facilities that Buffalo now enjoys for the rapid transference of cargoes, including the deepening of the approaches to Port Colborne and the construction there of a safe and commodious harbour, equipped with such elevators and warehouses as the requirements of the trade demand; The operating and lighting of the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals by electricity ; The equipment of the ports of Montreal and Quebec with the necessary facilities; The further deepening, straightening and widening the ship channel from Montreal to the sea, and The introduction of the most modern system of lights and buoys so that the river may be available for navigation for the largest ocean steamers at a minimum risk either by night or day.

Increase in Ocean Marine Insurance Rates.-In April the threatened serious increase in the ocean marine insurance rates at this port led your Committee to determine upon a deputation to Ottawa to interview the Gdvernment with regard to procuring such improvement in the lights, fog signals and buoys on the St. Lawrence route as would make it reasonably safe, so that the insurance companies might thereby be induced to return to the forme: rates, which were on a parity with those prevailing at United States ports. That deputation was subsequently arranged for, and met the Government on April 19. As it is believed that the representations then made will be effective in so far as the desired improvements of the route are concerned, it is hoped that in the near future the insurance rates will be restored to their former basis.

Extension of G. T. R. Elevator Carrier.--As promised to the 1898 Committee, Mr, Reeve, General Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway System, arranged for the extension of the grain carrier from the Montreal Warehousing Company's elevator, so that it can deliver grain to all hatches of the largest size vessel coming to this port without the vessel being moved. The capacity of a carrier is from eight to ten thousand bushels per hour.

Reduction of Floating Elevator Charges.-In accordance with an instruction of the Annual Meeting, your Committee pressed upon the Montreal Grain Elevating Company this Association's desire that its charges should be reduced, and that there should be an improvement in the class of elevator used. The Company met this request by a reduction of twenty per cent. in its charges as follows:-" Instead of one-quarter cent each to vessels delivering and vessels receiving, the charge will be one-fifth cent each, making a total charge of two-fifths cents instead of one-half cent. per bushel."

It is understood that new elevators are to be added to the company's fleet during the coming season.

Advices of Out-turn of Grain at Seaboard Elevators desired.-An effort was made early in the year to secure information from the railway companies with regard to the outturn of grain at the seaboard elevators, the companies being asked to post in their foreign freight agent's office or on 'Change a list of arrivals of grain at their seaboard elevators, giving date of bill of lading, car number and out-turn. The railway companies said that to
give such reports would require a remodelling of their organizations at Portland and St. John, but that they wouid take the matter into consideration in time for next season's business. As at that date, March, the winter season was nearly over, the Committee allowed the matter to rest until September, when the railway companies were written to, reminding them of their promise to take the matter into consideration in time for the $\mathbf{1 8 9 9}$ winter season; both companies, however, replied that they could not comply with the Committee's request.

Shortages on Export Grain.-Complaints having beeu received of excessive shortages in grain exported from this port, enquiry was made which showed that such shortages were chiefly on shipments of corn. The floating elevator company was interviewed with respect to the matter, and the desire expressed that all screenings should be weighed, which brought an offer from the company to provide scales for weighing the screenings. Another effort made subsequently in the same direction was that the City Weigher, Measurer and Gauger should assume control of and responsibility for the weighing of gratn into and out of the elevators of the Montreal Warehousing Company, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Montreal Grain Elevating Company; but, while two of these companies were agreeable to the proposal, one was not, and so the arrangement has not gone into effect. This matter is recommended to the attention of the incoming Committee, as there is no doubt that it is impcrtant in the interests of the port that steps should be taken to prevent the excessive shortages complained of.

Early Opening of the Canals.--The instruction of the annual meeting to ask the Government to arrange for the opening of the Welland Canal not later than April 18th and the St. Lawrence Canals by April 20th, was fulfilled in a letter sent to the Minister of Railways and Canals. The Ministe" replied that it was impossible for the necessary works of repairs, etc., on the Canals below water to he completed before May Ist, on which date it was proposed to open them for traffic. The Committee then wrote that, in view of the urgent representations made to the Department in 1898 in favour of the early opening of the Canals, and the Minister's favourable reception thereof, as evidenced by his decision to open them on April 20th, 1898, this intimation was most disheartening to all interested in inland and ocean navigation by the St. Lawrence, the letter also pointing out that, if the canals were not open in time to permit of the arrival here of inland craft towards the end of April, the earlier ocean steamers would either have to leave without their grain cargo or be delayed some days waiting for it. The matter was further taken up by a deputation which waited upon the Government on April Ist with regard to harbour matters, with the result that the Welland Canal was opened for traffic April 24th, the Cardinal and Upper Galops and Rapide Plat on April 17th, the Lachine and Beauhar. nois on May Ist.

Carriage of Grain between Canadian ports by U. S. Vessels temporarily permittcd.In a report adopted for communication to the Premier by this Association at its annual meeting in 1897, made as a result of consideration of the fact that the bulk of the Manitoba grain crop was exported via U. S. ports, a suggestion was made as, follows:-

[^1]" vessels to carry grain from Fort William to Canadian ports strictly for export ; this "a arrangement would lea ve the carriage of grain intended for home consumption entirely "to the Canadian marine."

This suggestion was not adopted at the time, but pressure from other quarters having been brought to bear upon the Government last autumn, it suspended for the remainder of the season the operation of the section of the coasting laws preventing the carriage of freight by U. S. vessels from one Canadian port to another. While this action took place too late in the season to permit of the suspension being la.gely availed of, a proportion of the Manitoba wheat crop was thereby diverted into the Canadian route.

Changes in Inspectiou regulations respecting Manitoba Grain.-As a result of répresentations made by the Western Grain Standards Board, Winnipeg, the Minister of Inland Revenue decided to make considerable changes with respect to the standards and inspection regulations for Manitoba wheat. A conference was held at Ottawa on April 18th, at which the Committee was represented by Mr. H. D. Metcalfe, who reported that, after discussion, nearly every one present was agreed on most of the points, there being a general expression of opinion in favour of fixed standards and of the stopping of mixing, but that a difference of opinion arose on the proposed change of inspection from Fort William to Winnipeg. The Minister thereafter revised the regulations and sent a draft thereof to your Committee, which, after careful consideration of the same, wrote the Minister that the proposed regulations in respect to wheat and other grain grown west of Port Arthur were generally objected to for reasons given. The Minister received another deputation on June $\mathbf{I}_{3}$ th, when this Association was represented by the President (Mr. Alex. McFee), Mr. Joseph Quintal and Mr. A. G. McBean, and these gentlemen opposed any change that would place the fixing of the standards in the hands of western inspectors, and also the principle of the bill fixing Winnipeg as the point at which western inspection should be performed, The Minister conceded that grain should be re-inspected at Fort William, and that eastern inspectors could inspect on condition that such grading should not be higher than the western inspection called for.

The regulations as adopted are lengthy, but the following are the chief points thereof:

The whole of Manitoba and the North West Territories and that portion of Ontario west of and including the existing district of Port Arthur is to be known as the inspection district of Manitoba, the present inspectors and deputies therein becoming inspectors ard deputies for the district of Manitoba.

The system of standard samples is aboli hed so far as concerns the grades specified in the Act, inspectors being required to inspect in accordance with the definitions of that Act; but should climatic or other conditions result in the production of a considerable proportion of grain not capable of being included in the classification provided in the inspection law, the Chief Inspector is empowered to request the Western Grain Standards Board to select commercial grades and samples, and inspectors are required to grade all classes of grain which cannot be graded according to the law, in accordance with the commercial samples so selected by that Board.

All wheat produced west of Winnipeg passing through Winnipeg or Emerson en route to points to the east thereof shall be inspected at Winnipeg or Emerson, and the inspection there shall be final as between the western farmer or dealer and the Winnipeg dealer. Inspection certificates given by Manitoba inspectors shall, in all cases in which straight
grades are granted ex elevator for shipment to eastward points, accompany the grain to its destination. No certificate shall be issued east of Fort William fur the grades of No. I or No. 2 Hard, or No. 1 or No. 2 Northern, for a higher grade than the western certificate such grain carries, but the original certificate shall be taken up and retained by the eastern inspect or as his authority for issuing a new certificate.

Every inspector may inspect Manitoba grain, but, if the grain is not equal to the grade called for by the we-tern certificate, the Board of Examiners, or the Chief Inspector fo r his division, may order the issuance of a certificate for the correct grade, but such grade shall not be higher than the grade called for by the western certificate.

Bill No. 15, An Act to regulate the Trade in Grain in Munitoba and the Northw'st Territories.-This bill contained some very objectionable clauses, and your President and Mr. W. W. Ogilvie appeared May roth be:ore the Parliamentary Committee at Ottawa to assist in opposing its passage. The result of the opposition offered by this and othar organizations was that the bill was subsequently thrown out by the Committee.

Metric System.-The Hon. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Minister of Inland Revenue, sent this Association a set of weights, measures and charts of the Metric System, together with a short summary of the advantages attending the adoption of that system, and showing the necessity of preparing befurehand for its inevitable adoption. These were all exbibited on 'Change and their receipt acknowledged with thanks.

London Corn Trade Association Contract. -The London Corn Trade Association communicated in February the following clause, which it stated it had decided to insert in the 1899 American forms of contract, the le:te: also intimating that policies of insurance tenderaule with American documents against contracts made upon such forms must include a particular average clause similar to that communicated.
"Warranted free from particular average unless the ship and /or craft, or the interest hereby insured, be stranded, sunk, burnt, on fire, and /or in collision, or in contact with ice, or some substance other than water, such contact to be of such a nature as may reasonably be supposed to have caused or led to the damage to cargo ; or any damage to the goods caused by negligence on the part of ship's servants or a gents.
"To pay landing, warehousing, forwarding and any special charges, including mats, should same be incurred, as well as partial loss, ariing from transhipment. General average and salvage charges payable as per foreign statement, and /or as per York and Antwerp rules ( 1890 or otherwise) if so claimed.
"It is agreed that the assured shall not be prejudiced by the insertion of the negligence clause in the Bills of Lading "

After consultation with the representatives of the sarine insurance companies here, it was ascertained that the London Lloyds would not cover the negligence clause in their policies, and further action in the matter by your Committee was therefore considered unnecessary.

German Tarif Discrimination against Canadian Produce.-This matter was referred to in the report of the Committee of Management for 1898 , when a letter to the Minister of Trade and Commerce was quoted, asking his attention to the matter with a view to endeaveuring to effect some arrangement with the German Government that would permit of the importing of Canadian grain into Germany on the same terms as United Sta'es grain. Further representations were made on this subject in May last, through Mr. E. Goff Penny,
M. P., who procured from the Minister the following quotation from the report of the Canadian High Commissioner on the matter, which shows that that officer entered a formal protest against Germany's action:-
"When the Commercial treaty between Germany and Great Britian was terminated, " fresh arrangements became necessary. A temporary agreement was made between the "two countries extending to each other the benefits of the most favoured-nation clause,
"s but Germany excluded Canada from the benefit of this provision, in consequence of the
"Preferential Tariff of the Dominion in favour of British produce. As Canada still
"cextended to Germany most favoured-nation treatment, I obtained the permission of " the Government to enter a formal protest through Her Majesty's. overnment against the " action of Germany. It was pointed out clearly that the Preferential Tariff was a matter " of domestic policy, and that practically Canada treated all foreign countries alike.
" It was urged therefore that the Dominion was entitled to similar treatment from Ger-
"' many, and several precedents were given to justify this contention. I regret, however,
"f to state, although the assistance of Her Majesty's Government has been cheerfully ren-
"dered in the matter, that no definite result has been achieved, and that, in consequence, "the export trade of Canada with Germany has been seriously interfered with."

Prolongation of Navigation at Fort William.-At the request of the Winnipeg Gain and Produce Exchange the Government was addressed, heartily endorsing the following clause of a resolution adopted by that Exchange :-
"T hat such facilities be provided by the Dominion Government as will prolong navigation at Fort William to the latest date possible."

Roval Commissi:n to Investigate Administration of Livic Afvirs.-The petition of citizens for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the administration of the City's affairs was signed by a number of members of this Association, and the Committee therefore complied with the request made that it should be represented at the presentation of that petition to the Provincial Premier. Your President attended on the occasion, when the Honorable Mr. Marchand promised ennsideration of the petition's prayer.

Philadelphia Commercial Museum.-An offer by the Philadelphia Commercial Museum to enrol this Association as a permanent member on its International Advisory Board was accepted, but an invitation from the officers of that Museum for this Association to be represented at the International Commercial Congress held in October under the auspices of that organization could not not be accepted, as at that season it was impossible to secure the attendance of a delegate from this Association.

Fourth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. - An invitation has been received from the Council of the London, England, Chamber of Commerce, for this Associ. ation to te represented at the Fourth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held in London towards the end of June, 1900 . The question of the acceptance of this invitation is, of necessity, left to the incoming Committee of Management.

Nominations for Bcards of Examiners for Flour and Grain.-Your Committee was, as usual, afforded opportunity by the Council of the Board of Trade to nominate these Roards, the nomination being confirmed by their appointment as follows :-

Flour and Meal.-A. E. Gagnon, W. A. Hastings, J. E. Hunsicker, H. W. Raphael, Lionel J. Smith.

[^2]Revision of Rules regulating Transactions in Grain and Flour, -The revision of the rules regulating transactions in grain and fluur, commenced in 1898, has been completed, the whole being adopted at a special general meeting of the Association held May 22nd, and going iato effect June Ist.

## Obit uary -

Mr. Ewen McLennan, died March 25th, 1899.-The death of Mr. Ewen McLennan, after a long period of ill health, was sympathetically referred to at a special meeting of the Association held March 28th, when the following resolution was adopted :-
"That the members of this Association hereby record their regard for the memory of "Mr. Ewen McLennan, who died at Brockville, on Saturday, 25th inst., after a long and " painful illness ;
"That Mr. McLennan's familiar figure and hearty greeting have been sadly missed
" from the Exchange floor since he was, many months ago, forced by failing health to
" absent himself from our daily meetings, at which he had, since he joined the Association " in 1873, been so regular an attendant;
"That Mr. McLennan leaves behind him a record of sterling integrity in all his busi"ness relations, and that throughout a long life he was ever an arduous worker in the cnuse " of charity."

Mr. Fohn Magor, died April 9th, 1899.-A special meeting of the members was held on the day of Mr. Magor's funeral, when the following resolution was adopted :-
"That the members of this Association were much grieved to learn of the death, on Sunday last, of Mr. John Magor, who was for many years a prominent and valued member of the Association :
"That Mr. Magor served the Association in various offices for a long period, his successive election by the members as a member of the Committee of Management in 1874, and as Pry 18ent in 189 and 1890, as a member of the Board of Review in 1881 and 1882,
"That the member, bearing witness to their appreciation of his ability ; their most sincere sympathy in this loss ;
"That as a further mark of respect ;
does hereby adjourn."
Mr. Fohn Burton, died May 15th, 1899.-Although for some time before his death Mr. Burton had resided outside of this city, the event called forth general expressions of regret from the membership of this Association, and the Committee of Management at its first meeting thereafter adopted the following resolution:-
"That the Committee of Management of the Montreal Corn Exchange Association hereby records its sorrow at the death of Mr. John Barton, former General Freight Agent of the Grand Trunk Railway;
"That during Mr. Burton's occupancy of that position the membersof the Corn Exchange Association were brought into continual contact with him, and that they gratefully remember how he ever endeavoured to meet their wishes so far as his duty to the Company he represented would permit ;
"That the Committee's sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Burton and other nembers of the family."

Mr. David G. Thomson, diel November 5 th, $\mathbf{: 8 9 9}$. -The entire unexpectedness of Mr. Thomson's death and his popularity among his fellow members evoked a murked expression of feeling, which was voiced in the following resolution adopted at a meeting of members held November 6th :-

Resolved-"That the members of this Association are very deeply grieved by the
terribly sudden death of their old friend and colleague, Mr. David G. Thomson, and that the circumstance that he was on 'Change in his usual health when the fatal illness seized him, and that he was carred helpless and dying from the gathering of which he had for so many years been a prominent and kighly esteemed member, intensifies the shock of this loss;
"That Mr. Thomson's services as President of the Association for two years are gratefully recalled, and that his sterling qualities and genial presence will long be sadly missed;
"That the members of this Association tender to Mrs. Thomson and ihe family their sincerest condolences in this bereavement ;
"That the Association do adjourn its session on Wednesday, at half past twelve, and that the Committee of Management and members generally do attend the funeral which takes place that afiernoon."

Mr. Hugh McLennan, died November 21st, 1899-Mr. Hugh McLennan's death was also quite sudden, and, although he had of late been less frequently on 'Change, his loss was very greatly felt, A special meeting of the Association was held, at which the following resolution was adopted, but, the funeral being strictly private, the members were precluded from attending it :-

Resolved,-" That the members of this Association have learned with a feeling of inexpressible sadness of the death of Mr. Hugh McLennan, one of its most honoured members ; 1
" That during the many years that Mr. McLennan was connected with the Association, whether as President, as member of the Committee of Management, or private member, he won in each capacity the warm esteem of the members generally, and as a merchant of great energy and unsullied integrity, as a wise counsellor, and as a calm and courteou; Christian gentleman, ever ready to help in every good work, he has left us an example worthy of our most earnest emulation;
"That as a further mark of our great grief at his death and of our deep respect for his memory, this meeting do now adjourn, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family."

Mr. W. W. Ogilvie, died Fanuary 12, 1900.-Following closely as it did upon the sudden deaths of Mr. Hugh McLennan and Mr. D. G. Thomson, the startling suddenness of Mr. Ogilvie's death came as a severe shock to the membership, and their sorrow at this most sad event found some expression in the following resolution, which was adopted at a large meeting of the members held on the day of the funeral :-
"That the members of the Corn Exchange Association, deeply feeling the loss occasioned by the death of W. W. Ogilvie, Esq., do out of great respect for his memory, and in evidence of their heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Ogilvie and the family, adjourn and attend the funeral in a body, thus paying a last tribute of respect to one whose place it will be difficult to fill;
"That, as a citizen, Mr. Ogilvie was an honour to Montreal and to Canada, and that he leaves a record which will long be remembered, and, it is hoped, will be foliowed by many;
"That this Association desires to place on record its keen sense of all that it owes to Mr. Ogilvie for his unfailing wi!lingness to help in every good work, and especially in everything tending to advance the interests of Canada and Montreal ;
"That the members of the Association feel that in Mr. Ogilvie they have lost a kind and sympathizing friend and adviser ; his loss and the shock occasioned by it is yet too recent for them to form a correct estimate of its greatness, but they feel sure that he will be mourned and missed from the shores of the Atlantic to those of the Pacific as almost no other Canadian has been;

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"That Mr. Ogilvie was a power for good and for progress in Canada, that the farmers of our great Northwest owe much of their prosperity to him, and that his death will be regarded in that great section of our country as a national calamity ;
"That the members of this Association, deeply feeling their own loss, extend to Mrs. Ogilvie and family their heartfelt sympathy, and they hope that the knowledge that Mr. Ogilvie has left to his family the proud legacy of a most useful career and honourable name may soften thei affliction."

Membershop. -1 he following gentlemen were admitted to membership during the year : -F. W. Lynch, P. Daignault \& Co. ; Robert Hampson, Robert Hampson © Son; Harold Hampson, Robert Hampson $\mathcal{E} 0$ Son ; Aiex. Sinclair, The Elder-Dempster Co.; Gédéon Bourdeau, representing J. F. Harris, of Chicago; W. D. Aird, Union Cold Storage Co, ${ }^{\text {T The Fitchburg Railroad; John Wilkins, Miller's Agent ; Messrs. Furness, Withy }}$ \& Co., Ltd.; Norman Wight, Wight \& 'Esdaile ; J. R, Clancy, H. \& A. Allan; E. S. Jaques, The Northern Elevator Co. ; L. M. Metcalfe, with H. D. Metcalfe, grain exporter. 1898.

The total membership December 31st, 1899, was 156, being four less than at end of
The whole respectfully submitted,

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Montreal, January 19, 1900.

## REPORT OF THE MONTREAL WHOLESALE GROCERS' ASSOCIATION.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,-The Montreal Wholesale Grocers' Association in connection with your Board begs to submit its annual report as follows :-

During the year the Association has considered a number of questions which, while of importance to the trade, were not such as to require attention in this report. The sugar question and the need for uniformity of terms and discounts being the only matters to which reference is necessary.

The Canadian Sugar industry has been heavily handicapped by the extremely low price of sugars, resulting froin the war between the sugar trusts in the United States. Each of these trusts seems determined to make the business so unprofitable that its rival will have to close its refineries. This state of affairs, coupled with the fact that American refiners receive a bounty in the shape of a rebate of duty on their raw sugar when they export the refined article, has enabled them to sell their sugars in Canada at a lower price than is charged in the States, aithough there also they sell at a loss. As a consequence the wholesale grocer finds it impossible to secure such advance over the refiner's price as will cover the cost of handling.

Consideration of these facts led this Association and the other Wholesale Grocers' Guilds in Canada to petition the Government to increase the duty on bounty fed sugars, This, however, the Government could not be induced to do. In the meantime the sugar industry in Canada is practically at the mercy of American trusts, and at present there is no prospect of the conditions improving for some time to cone.

An effort was made to secure uniformity in terms and discounts on groceries throughout Quebec and Ontario, but up to the present it has been impossible to get the whole trade to agree. I would commend this subject to the attention of the incoming officers as a matte ${ }^{r}$ of great importance to the trade.

Mr. J. Telesphore Lalonde, of Messrs, Lalonde © Desroches, was admitted to membership in the Association.

The whole respectfully submitted,

H. LAPORTE, President Montreal Wholesale Grocers' Association.

## REPORT OF THE MONTREAL WHOLESALE DRY GOODS ASSOCIATION.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,-The Montreal Wholesale Dry Goods Association, in connection with your Board, begs to submit its annual report.

The question of Customs undervaluations to which I referred at length in my report for 1878 has again occupied the attention of the Association this year, and in response to resolutions on the subject which were communicated to the Honourable Mr. Patterson, Minister of Customs, he assured the Association that he realized the importance to importers that such fraudulent practices should be stopped, and that his desire was to protect the honest importer by every means possible.

Some time in August the Customs Department adopted a regulation providing for the inclusion of conmission charges in the value for duty. This regulation aroused strong opposition on the part of importers, who pointed out that in many instances the collection of duty on such charges would be an injustice to the trade. The Association's representative on the Board of Trade Council brought the matter to the attention of the Council, and as a result the Minister of Customs was asked to give Montreal importers an opportunity to discuss the regulation with him, which he did by meeting a Committee of the Board of Trade Council and a number of importers in the Board of Trade rooms. The Minister explained that the regulation provided for the collection of duty on commission charges on goods purchased through a commissionaire and invoiced by him to the importer, but that goods invoiced from the manufacturer direct to the importer would pay du:y only on the the invoice price. The production of the original invoice from the manufacturer will be taken as proof of value for duty.

Some suggestions were made whereby the importers considered that the regulation could be carried out more fairly, and the Minister promised that they should be taken into consideration.

The Minister's attention was called to the fact that duty was frequently collected on the cost of packing, contrary to the usual custom at this port, and he undertook to enquire into the matter.

An effort was made to effect an arrangement whereby the entire wholesale Dry Goods Trade in Canada should be placed on the same footing regarding terms, discounts, etc.

The form of agreement as proposed by Toronto merchants and accepted by this Association looked to uniformity ather than the shortening of the terms of credit or the reducing of discounts. I regyet that, as one or two merchants refused to entertain the idea, it was found impossible to carry out the scheme this year.

In February the Association renewed its efforts of former years to induce the railway companies to grant special excursion rates to merchants coming to Montreal for the Spring Millinery opening. The railway companies expressed themselves as unwilling to grant the request.

The Honourable G. W. Stephens introduced a Bill in the Quebec Legislative Assembly providing that curators of insolvent estates should furnish security for the estates administered by them unless a majority of the curators decided otherwise. The Association, considering that curators should be compelled to give security in ali cases, wrote the Honourable Mr. Stephens asking him to amend the Bill in this particular. This he agreed to do, but the Bill was unfortunately thrown out by the Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

The whole respectfully submitted.

## ALPHONSE RACINE, President Montreal Wholesale Dry Goods Association.

## REPORT OF THE MONTREAL MARINE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,-The Montreal Marine Underwriters' Association in connection with your Board begs to submit its Ninth Annual Report.

The Council of the Buard of Trade being asked by tie Royal Society of Canada to assist it in impressing upon the Government the necessity for the establishment of a Hydrographic Survey Department, referred the matter to this Association. The members being unanimously of the opinion that a complete survey of tides and currents such as the proposed Department would carry out would be of great value as a safeguard against the dangers of navigation, the Council was informed that the Association would heartily support the Royal Society in its efforts.

Upon the Government being approached, several officials of the Department of Marine expressed the opinion that such precise information as to tides and currents was of no practical value to mariners. The Association has obtained the opinions of about twenty ships' masters on the question, every one of whom has stated that reports on the state of tides and currents are of the utmost importance in the navigation of the St . Lawrence route. Upon receipt of the answers of a few captains who have not yet replied, the result of the enquiry will be cominunicated to the Government.

Owing to the heavy losses incurred during the year 1898 , the marine insurance companies were compelled to advance their rates. Charges of discrimination against the Canadian route were made, but the Association pointed out that the insurance rates, were based on the risk, and that it was only by improving the route and rendering navigation of the River St. Lawrence so safe that Montreal could be reached with as little danger as other ports, that rates could be reduced to a parity with those in effect on other rcutes.

On April Igth a large deputation, comprising members of this Association, the Board of Trade, the Corn Exchange, Shipping Interest and la Chambre de Commerce, proceeded to Ottawa to urge upon the Government the imperative necessity of the immediate prosecution of the work of improving the St. Lawrence route, the advance in rates having emphasized the importance of prompt action.

I am pleased to be able to report that some improvements have since been carried out, but it is to be hoped that those recommendations of the Association not already adopted by the Government will be kept in view.

My attention was called to the existence of a shoal off Matane, which was not marked on the charts. The Department of Marine was proniptly notified, and the Deputy Minister issued a notice to mariners giving the exact location of the shoal.

One of the most important subjects which have occupied the attention of the Asso. ciation this year was the question of the extension of the term for carrying full deck loads from St. Lawrence ports. The Board of Trade had for some time been urging the Government to allow full deck loads of lumber to be carried from Canadian ports until October 15th. Hitherto full deck loads could not be carried on vessels leaving port after October Ist.

In reply to a request from Sir L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine, for an expression of opinion, this Association said it would favour the extension of the term to $\mathbf{1 2 t h}$ October, provided the Government would amend the special or general acts governing port wardens, so that every vessel taking a deck load of lumber from a Canadian port should come under port warden inspection as to the loading of the cargo on deck and the amount to be carried. The Minister introduced a Bill, amending the Safety of Ships' Act, embodying these provisions, but the clauses providing for port warden inspection raised such strong opposition from shippers in the Maritime Provinces that he was compelled to withdraw them, and the Bill as passed extended the term to 12 th October without any conditions whatever. The Association greatly regretted that the monetary interests of a few should stand in the way of a reform looking to the safeguarding of life and property. It is hoped that, as the necessity for such protective measures is better understood, there will be no difficulty in having them enacted.

The wreck of the SS. "Scotsman" on Belle Isle on 23rd September, and the fact that no news of the accident was received in Montreal until fully a week after it occurred, emphasized in a startling manner the need for telegraphic communication with Belle Isle. Had there been such communication, a great deal of suffering on the part of both passengers and crew would bave been avoided. After such a warning as was furnished by the wreck of the "Scotsman," it is felt that the officials of the Department of Public Works will spare no effort to establish telegraphic communication with Belle Isle at the earliest possible date.

In the matter of the desired establishment of an Admiralty Court at Montreal, I am glad to note that the efforts of the Board of Trade and this Association have so far been successful as to induce the Government to take action in that direction. The following letter shows the position of the Minister of Justice on the question :-

Office of the Minister of Justice. Ottawa, Nov. 25th, 1899.
Dear Sir, -
I have received your letter of 24th inst., and in reply beg to say that I am only waiting a recommendation of a suitable party to be appointed Registrar of a Maritime Court at Montreal. My opinion is that the Clerk of one of the Superior Courts would be tre proper party to name as Registrar.

Respectfully yours,
David Mills.

Edward L. Bond, Esq., Montreal.

During the season of 1897 there were many complaints of damage to cargoes arriving from the continent, owing to bad stowage, and again this year merchants were put to considerable loss owing to the same cause. The matter was brought to the attention of the Underwriters in London and Liverpool, and it is hoped that there will be no cause for complaints next season.

The stranding of the SS. "Almerian" on Beaumont Shoals on September 5 th formed the subject of an enquiry by the Quebec Harbour Commissioners. The evidence went to show that the accident was the result of negligence on the part of the pilot, who, it is stated, refused to allow himself to be cross-examined. In spite of the seriousness of the affair, the pilot was only suspended for about three months. The Minister of Marine was written to and asked to make such enquiry into the case as would determine whether there were any circumstances which would warrant the infliction of a penalty so disproportionate to the crime, and whether the pilot refused to submit to cross examination as stated. The following reply was received $;-$

> Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, inth Nov., 1899.
Sir,
Referring to your letter of 4th ult., with reference to the stranding of the SS. " Almerian " on Beaumont Shoal on the night of the 5th Sept. last, I am to inform you that a copy of your letter has been forwarded for report to the Harbour Commissioners, and I am now to inform your that the Commissioners have reported that they gave their verdict after a most careful consideration, and that the evidence which came before them, and on which they gave judgment, did not, in their opinion, prove that there was culpable negligence on the part of the pilot.

With reference also to the statement in your letter that the pilot was not examined, the Commissioners state that a pilot on trial cannot be forced to give evidence ; it is voluntary on his part, and that the pilot of the "Almerian," though not testifying at his trial, afterwards, and before the verdict of the Commissioners was given, of his own accord came before them and gave a very straightforward statement as to what caused him to make such
a grave mistake. It was this course on the part of the pilot that caused the Commissioners to deal much more leniently with him than was their first intention. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,
F. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

## J. Stanley Cook, Esq., Secretary Underworiters' Association, Montreal.

The fact that nothing has been done in the direction of the much-needed reform of the pilotage system is to be deplored, as, until such reform is an accomplished fact, the St. Lawrence route will be heavily handicapped.

The whole respectfully submitted.

## E. L. BOND, <br> President Montreal Marine Underwriters' Association.

## REPORT OF THE MONTREAL' BUTTER AND CHEESE ASSOCIATION.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade: <br> Gentcemen,-The Montreal Butter and Cheese Association in connection with your

 Board bees, to submit its Annual Report as follows:-Early' in the year the Association was successful in having the collection of the tolls on butter and cheese sold at the wharves suspended. As stated in last year's report these tolls have been found injurious to the receiver.

It is with some satisfaction that I record the conclusion of an arrangement between the railway companies and the Association, regarding freight rates on butter, cheese and eggs brought to Montreal during the summer season from Western and otber points locally and subsequently exported. For years Montreal exporters have been at a disadvantage as compared with the Western merchant; and the Association has tried repeatedly, but hitherto without success, to induce the railways to remedy the grievance.

For the season to close of navigation of 1899 the railway companies agreed that, where the local rate from points west plus the ocean rate exceeds the export rates from those points plus the ocean rates, the difference, together with the additional charge for cartage collected on delivery of goods at Montreal, would be refunded to the merchant on proof of exportation. On all other points where no difference exists bet ween the export and local tariff rate, the cartage charges on local shipments to Montreal will be refunded on proof of exportation, as a compromise against the terminals pad by the railway com. pany on through shipments. This places Montreal exporters almost on a parity with those in the west and other points,

Negotiations are still pending regarding winter rates, which I trust will result in an arrangement being entered into which will be satisfactory to all concerned.

The pressing need for reliable statistics as to the stocks of butter, cheese and eggs in store in Montreal led to the adoption of a system under which each member of the Associ-, ation and each public warehouse furnished a private statement of those goods held in store
at the end of every month, the totals being communicated by circular to the members. It will be readily seen that statistics so collected would be practically worthless unless every member supported the scheme by supplying the necessary information, and upon one of the members refusing to do so, the compiling of the stocks was suspended after having been in operation for several months.

It seems to me that it is of vital importance to the Association that whatever arrangement is entered into by the Association should be strictly adhered to by all its members.

The irregularity with which meetings have hitherto been held led to the adoption of an amendment to article 8 of the by-laws providing for the holding of quarterly general meetings of the Association.

The frequent claims made by British merchants for small shortages in allowances for ocean fieight have caused great annoyance to exporters, and an effort was made to induce the SS. lines to accept a fixed weight for cheese boxes. The Committee appointed was of opinion that six pounds would be a fair allowance, and directed a public weigher to weigh a large number. As a result the weigher decided that, taking one season with another, six pounds would fully cover the tare on cheese boxes. The SS. companies, however, would not agree to carry out the wishes of the trade, so far as Liverpool is concerned, although I am glad to be able to report that they do so in connection with other ports.

Considerable attention was given to a proposition to hold a conference of representatives of the country Dairy Boards and Montreal merchants. The proposal included the holding of a diy session, at which matters relating to the commercial side of dairy interests would be discussed, and a banquet in the evening. The members were unanimous as to the desirability of some such gathering which would enable dairymen and merchants to become more acquainted, and felt it would be of great benefit to the trade. Arrangements for the conference could not be completed this season, but I hope that the scheme will be carried out next year.

The attention of the Board of Trade Council was called to the general dissatisfaction expressed by the members on account of the lack of direct cable information regarding the state of the produce market in Great B:itain. The Council was prepared to procure the reports required, but the fact that there were no means of keeping such information for the sole use of the members resuited in the matter being dropped.

The Province of Quebec Dairy Association, which has done such good work in providing a system of inspection of cheese factories, being desirous of extending its system so as to include butter factories, and to carry out its work still more efficiently than in the past, approached the Provincial Government with a view to securing an increase of its grant, and asked this Association to support its request. Delegates were appointed to proceed to Quebec with the representatives of the Dairy Association to interview the Minister of Agriculture and lay before him the views of the Association as expressed in the following resolution :-

Resoived, -That this Association petition the Honourable the Commissioner of Agriculture at Quebec to increase the yearly grant to the Province of Quebec Dairy Association to $\$ 5,000$, so that a proper and efficient inspection of butter and cheese factories may be maintained during the coming season.

That this Association feels that the importance of the butter and cheese trade to the Province of Quebec can hardly be over-estimated, and that it is of the utmost importance that proficient general inspection should be provided by the Quebec Dairy Association.

The Commissioner stated that it was impossible to increase the grant to the extent asked for this season, but that he hoped to be able to do so next year, as he fully recognized the importance of the work the Dairy Association was carrying on.

Professor Robertson, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, has on several occasions met the Association and discussed matters of interest to the trade, one of the most important of which was the question of cold storage for butter on railways and ocean steamers. The Department of Agriculture wished to know whether it was desirable to renew the agreement which had been made some three years ago with several of the steamship companies, whereunder those companies provided cold storage accommodation on a number of vessels. Professor Robertson met the Association to discuss the matter at a meeting held for that purpose on November 1 $_{3}$ th, at which the following resolution was adopted :-

Resolved,-That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Dapartment of Agriculture for arranging for excellent cold storage service on the steamships from Canadian ports, and also for regular refrigerator car service on railways, and for assistance to owners of creameries in providing cold storage at creameries ;

That the Department be requested to continue to assist the trade by arranging for refrigerator service weekly in summer and fortnightly in winter, to the ports of Liverpool, London, Bristol, Glasgow and Manchester, and also for a monthly service to Newcastle and Leith; and

That this Association considers it advisable that the cold storage chambers should be divided into smaller compartments, and that they should be kept at a temperature of $20^{\circ}$.

At the same meeting several members present expressed the opinion that it was desirable that more refrigerator cars for the service of butter should be run at differents points through Quebec, where at present there is no refrigerator service at all for butter. Professor Robertson assured our Association that any such suggestions would receive the prompt attention of the Minister of Agriculture, and suggested that a list of all such places where these refrigerator cars were needed be sent to him at the earliest opportunity. This matter is now left with the incoming Committee to follow up.

The Dairy Commissioner, in order to ascertain the temperature at which cheese should be kept during the process of curing in order to obtain the best results, bad several lots of cheese manufactured from the same milk, balf of which he had cured in ordinary curing rooms where the temperature fluctuated with the weather, and a second half cured in rooms where the temperature was kept at or below $65^{\circ}$. A Committee from this Association, appointed at the Commissioners' request, inspected the lots of cheese thus cured, and found the second lot much superior in quality. The resuit of this experiment confirmed Professor Robertson in his conviction that the trade would be greatly benefited if the factory. men could be induced to improve their curing rooms, and steps will probably be taken at an early date to bring about the needed improvement.

It was considered desirable to again warn factorymen that it would be injur.ous, not only to the trade generally, but to their own interests, to manufacture November cheese, and a circular to that effect was sent to the various cheese boards throughout the country. Ths

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circular was sent to all of the Dairy Boards in Ontario, to the Dominion Dairy Commis. sioner and to the Commissioner of Agriculture at Quebec, who assisted the Association in this matter by distributing copies of the circular and publishing it in both editions of the Journal of Agriculture.

The following gentlemen were admitted to membership during the past year:Wm. Meldrum, of Messrs. Wm. Meldrum \& Co.; Richard Ware, of Wm. Ware $\mathcal{E}$ Sons, and John Orpe.

In conclusion I feel that the warmest thanks should be azcorded to those gentlemen who have so satisfactorily worked during the past year on the different Committees of the Association; more time has been given by them to the detail working of the Association than perbaps would be at first credited. Especially has this been the case so far as the Executive and Freight Rates Committees are concerned, and, as the labours of the latter are not yet completed, I would strongly urge upon the Association the advisability of re-electing the Freight Rates Committee for another season in place of the Transportation Committee as heretofure. I desire also to express my sincere appreciation to those members who have supported the Association by their regular attendance at the different meetings. The efforts of the different Committees have not been without some profit to the members of the Association; this has been clearly proved by the concessions the Freight Rates Committee managed, after considerable work, to procure from the railway companies, and I am convinced that if the members will only remain loyal to the Association by attending the different meetings when called, and support to the utmost of their ability any projects that may be decided upon by the Association from time to time for the betterment of trade, it would not be long before the influence of our Association would be felt throughout the Dominion.

I desire to express personally my warmest thanks for the support given to me by our worthy Secretary, who has so ably carried out the wishes of the Association during the past year.

The whole respectfally submitted.

## ARTHUR J. HODGSON, President Montreal Butter and Cheese Association.

## REPORT OF THE MONTREAL METAL AND HARDWARE MANUFAC. TURERS' AND MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,-The Metal and Hardware Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association in connection with your Board begs to submit its Annual Report, as follows :-

In November, 1898, the Customs Department adopted certain regulations governing the form of Declaration of Owner of goods and certificate of va'ue on invoices, which involved considerable change in those forms. The Council of the Board of Trade asked this Asssciation for an expression of opinion with regard to these changes, and a Committee was appointed to consider the matter. The form of Declaration or Affirmation of Owner, known as Form " 1 ," was found to contain a number of statements, all of which had pre-
viously been in use, and to which therẹ was no objection. The certificate of value on invoices, Form " J " was objected to as being too cumbrous, and involving unnecessary trouble to exporters.

The Minister of Customs attended a meeting of the Board of Trade Council in order to discuss the whole subject, and upon the Board's invitation this and other Associations interested were represented. The Minister was of opinion that, when everyone became familiar with the new regulations, they would be found to work satisfactorily, and promised that, until the forms were fully understood, the collector should use his discretion in enforcing them.

The failure of the effort to organize a weekly meeting of the members on 'Change is recorded with regret. The first 'Change meeting was called for December 21st, 1898, and notices have been sent out regularly since that date, but the attendance has gradually dwindled away.

To the great disappointment of the business community another year has passed without the enactment of the much needed Insolvency Legislation for the Dominion. During the last Session of Parliament the Board of Trade and other commercial bodies did every thing possible to induce the Government to encourage the introduction and passage of an Insolvency Bill, but without success. The following resolution was adopted and communicated to the Council of the Board of Trade :-

Resolved-"That this Association regrets that there has been no legislation at this Session of Parliament in the passing of a Bill for the equitable distribution of the assets of insolvents throughout the Dominion, and respectfully requests that the Council of the Board of Trade would so express itself upon this subject."

The Council also adopted a strong resolution on the subject.
The advance in the prices of almost all commodities led the Customs Department to revive a regulation, which had not hitherto been enforced, providing for the collection of duty on the market price of goods at the time of shipment, without reference to the price at which the goods were purchased. Owing to the phenomenal advance in the prices of Iron and Steel goods, the increased duty would amount to a very considerable item, and it was of great importance that Customs collertors should be furnished with such information as to the state of the market as would enable them to collect the right amount of duty, a uniform value to rule at all ports of entry. A deputation interviewed the Minister of Customs on this question and the need for uniform appraisement generally, and received his assurance that he was anxious to do everything in his power to enable collectors to fix proper values for collection of duties.

If members would communicate to the Association particulars of any instances of improper valuation which come to their notice, such cases would be at once laid before the Minister.

It is with sincere regret that the death of Mr. Frank Caverhill, one of this Associa. tion's most active members, is recorded. The following resolution was adopted at a special meeting held for that purpose :-

Resolved-"That the Metal and Hardware Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association most deeply regrets the death, while yet in the prime of life, of Mr. Frank Caverhill, the sadness of the event being intensified by its entire unexpectedness;

That hy Mr. Caverhill's death the Association has lost one of its most energetic promoters, for he was one of the original members, and has throughout contributed largely to its welfare by his ability and interest ;

That Mr. Caverhill's genial personality won for him many friends, $\ddagger$ and that his memory will long be cherished by the members of this Association ;

That the Asscciation hereby conveys to Mrs. Caverliill and family its most profound sympathy in their sad bereavement."

On November 15th, the Railway Companies advanced the winter freight rates very considerably and did away with the commodity tariff. I would ask the earnest attention of the incoming officers to the present rates from Montreal in comparison with rates from other distributing points in Canada and from United States points, as I think it will be found that there has not been a relative advance from American points, and that a differential exists against Montreal shippers.

The whole respectfully submitted.
Wm. McMASTER,
President Montrenl Metal and Hardware Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association: REPORT OF TIE BANKERS' SECTION OF THE MONTREAL BOARD CF
TRADE.

Montreal, January 10, 1900.

## To the President and Council of the Montreal Board of Trade :-

Gentlemen,-In presenting its Annual Report, the Committee of the Bankers' Section of your Board of Trade have to mention that the past year did not occasion many meetings, but these were of importance.

As in 1898, the Section felt called upon, in harmony with other of your sections, to oppose unwise legislation in connection with the City Charter. In conjunction with the Canadian Bankers' Association a deputation proceeded to Quebec, pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting held February 2nd, $\mathbf{1 8 9 9}$, and laid the views of the Section before the Committee, which had the City Charter Bill under consideration. A second deputation subsequently took part in a discussion of the objectionable clauses with the Legislative Council, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that the efforts of the Association and the Section were successful.

The proposed clauses to which your Section took exception were those imposing special taxes upon the banks based upon capital and dividends in such manner as to be wholly unjust and injurious to the interests of trade in Montreal.

Your Section held a meeting on the 29th March, 1899, to deliberate upon the proposed Bankruptcy Act of Mr. Fortin, which seemed likely to be introduced once more in the Dominion House. The Section heard with pleasure that its able representative on your Council had been able so to present the views of the Section as to remove the main obstacles to a unity of action on the main questions which had long been at issue, and it was someuhat a surprise that the Bill as agreed upon by the Boards of Trade of Montreal and Toronto did not, after all, come up in the House.

It is highly probable that the renewal of the Bank charters, which expire Ist July,

1901, will take place during the approaching session of Parliament. At such renewal it is usual to make such amendments in the Bank Act as the experience of the decade may sug. gest. In this connection it is obvious, fom the lesson taught by the failure of La Banque Vilie Marie, that some provision should be made to prevent, in future, the over-issue of circulating notes. The whole question is doubtless under consideration by the Canadian Bankers' Association and the Government, and your Section does not think it desirable to pronounce as to the details of necessary amendments. It would, however, approve of a measure which provided for a Bureau of Inspection of the circulation accounts of the chattered banks, consisting of officers duly appointed by the Bankers' Association under law. It would also be pleased to see a measure adopted which would control the printing of bank notes.

Your Section is also of opinion that some further effort should be made to efFec:ually banish the dealing in stocks, bonds, etc., on margin by and through irresponsible in aties. The astounding evidence so far elicited in connection with the frilure of La Ubanque Ville Marie reveals the fact that thousands of dollars of the depositors' money were gambled away by clerks whose salaries and position should hive been known to prohibit such transactions. Your Section is aware of the extreme difficulty of framing a measure which will prevent such speculations without impeding legitumate transactions, but, as brokers and dealers in stocks and securities have intimate financiai relations with the banks, it would seem to the mutual advantage of bo $h$, if an understanding could bs reached whereby brokers would communicate to the managers of the banks and even the principals of mercantile houses the names of clerks placing an order with them. ,

La Benque Ville Marie suspended payment on 25th July, 1899, and went into liquidation shortly after. The failure was accompanied by some disturbance in financial circles and the Banque Jacques Cartier suspended on the 3 Ist of the month, resuming pyyment on October 25 th. The disturbance created by these troubles did not require action of any kind on the part of your Section, although a special mezting was called on August I2th for the purpose.

Your Section is pleased to be able to report a continuance of the prosperity which was so marked during 1898. The Clearings of Montreal during 1899 were $\$ 794,029,000$, an increase of $\$ 61,765$,oدo over 1898 , or 8.4 per cent. They form over 48 p.c. of the total clearings of Canadian Clearing Houses, a remarkable indication of the national character of the metropolis.

Your Section is pleased to note that the wheat crop of the past year was excellent and realized good prices. The Manitoba crop, which was estimated at $33,000,000$ bushels by the Government in August last, suffered during that month from diought, and also was affected by the Hessian fly, and later statistics have rejuced the crop to about $28,000,000$ bushels.

We have now, however, to take into consideration a constant progress in dairying in the West, and exporiation of cattle, while in British Columbia and the Yukon there is a rich development of mining, which promises to bring Canada well to the fore as a producer of the precious metals.

In Eastern Canada there has been a striking interest in it on mining and smelting, sev.
eral large corporations having acquired properties in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces,
It is to be hoped that, as the times are propitious, the demand for iron and steel being very heavy, the industry may become one of the branches of Canadian commerce.

There was a marked advance in prices of many staple articles of export from Canada, notably cheese, and while in some cases exports have declined, they show a notable advance in others. Your Section notes with pleasure that for the first time there was in 1899 a shipment of Canadian cheese direct to the continent of Europe, I 307 packages being sent to Hamburg. The extensive shipments of butter in 1899, exceeding those of 1898 by 50 p.c., at prices returning nearly 25 p.c. more to the producer, are noteworthy as indicating what can be done in educating our people to the requirements of foreign and Bri ish mar. kets, and training them in habits of scientific dairying by means of Government experts.

Your Section has noted with pleasure that almost all branches of manufacturing have been busy, in some cases working over time, while wages have ber n advanced.

The failures in the Dominion show the smallest number reported since 1886 , and a decrease of $\mathbf{I I . 2}$ p.c. from 1898. The liability column, however, shows an increase of $\mathbf{I}_{3} .8$ p.c. over 1898, due to a few large failures. But the total is, after all, satisfactorily small.

In connection with banking statistics, your Section has not yet at hand the returns for December, but, during the twelve months ending with November, 1899, the increase in public deposits was $\$ 29,872,000$, the total being $\$ 275,874,000$; the increase in current loans was $\$ 34,000,000$; the increase in note circulation, including Dominion notes, was $\$ 8,000,000$, the amount being about $\$ 50,000,000$. It is unnecessary to point out how amply these statistics prove the increased volume of Canadian trade, internal and external.

The prices of Canadian securities on the local exchange were high and well maintained almost throughout the year, although the unfortunate war with the Transvaal and consequent uneasiness of the money markets of London and New York exerted an adverse influence during the latter half of the year. Below is appended a statement which shows the opening, closing, highest and lowest quotations of stocks on the local exchange for the past two years.

| NAME OF STOCK. | For the Year 1899. |  |  |  | For the Year 1898. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canadian Pacific | Opening. Highest, Lowest. Closing. |  |  |  | Opening. Highest. Lowest. |  |  | Closing. |
| Duluth, common...... |  | 091 | 84\} | 921 ${ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | ${ }_{81}{ }_{8}{ }^{7}$ | 903 | Lowest. |  |
| Duluth, preferred..... | $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 78 | $2 \frac{1}{2}$ | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | 31 | a 3 3 | 102 21 | 85 3 3 |
| Commercial Cable.... | 1833 | 1961 | 178 | 12 | 6 | $8 \frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | $7{ }_{7}$ |
| Montreal Telegraph... | 174 | 178 | 178 | 187 | 178 | $188 \frac{1}{2}$ | 157] | 185 |
| Rich, \& Ont. Nav. Co.. | 102/ | 115 | 107 97 | 173 | ${ }_{1772}$ | 1812 | 170 | 175 |
| Montreal Street Ry... <br> do do new | 290 | 3372 | 267 | 105 285 | 107 | $114 \frac{1}{2}$ 290 | 82 235 | 1034 289 |
| Montreal Gas . |  |  | 176 | 18 | 233 | 286 | 233 | 286 |
| Bell Telephone. | ${ }_{173}$ | 2194 | 176 172 | 1851 174 | 190 | 210 | 168! | 209\% |
| do do new... | 17 | 192 | 1724 | 174 | 171 | 1821 | 179 | 173 |
| Royal Electric Co...... | 162 | 198 |  |  | 1433 | 170 | $16 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\cdots$ |
| N. W. L., preferred... | 55 | 58 | $52{ }^{159}$ | 1872 | 1433 | $164 \frac{1}{2}$ | 140 K | 161 |
| N. W. L., common..... | 0 | 17 | 17 <br> 18 | 521 | 50 | 56 | 49 | 554 |
| Loan \& Mortgage . . . . . | 139 | 141 | 135 |  | 139 |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| Montreal Cotton. |  | 165 | 140 | 135 | 139 | 140 | 138 | 140 |
|  |  |  | 140 | $140{ }_{4}$ | 137\% | 159 | $137 \frac{1}{2}$ | 158 |


| Dominion Cotton...... | 106 | 119 | $89 \frac{1}{2}$ | 94 | 95 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Colored Cotton........ | 68 | 80 | 65 | 65 | 57 | 1082 70 | 84 45 | $108 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Merchants' Cotton.... | .... | 155 | 130 | 130 |  |  |  |  |
| Western Loan \& Trust | 943 | 100 | 943 | $\ldots$ | 98 | $\cdots$ | 98 | 98 |
| People's Heat \& Light | 12 | $3 \boldsymbol{\theta}$ | 10 | . | 39 | $40 \frac{1}{2}$ | 18 | 98 30 |
| Dom, Coal, preferred. . do common | 113 | 1204 | 1133 | .... | $106 \frac{1}{4}$ | 118 | 92 | 113 |
| Halifax Railway...... | 128 | 1294 | 31 | 92 | 23 | 35 | $17_{4}^{1}$ | 34. |
| St. John Railway .... | 12 | ${ }_{155}^{129}$ | 92 118 | 92 118 | 115 | ${ }^{142}{ }_{6}^{3}$ | 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 129 |
| Toronto Railway ...... | 109 |  |  | 118 | … | 150 | 125 | 150 |
| Twin City, common.. | 109 | $121 \frac{1}{2}$ 734 | 92 57 | 102 | 867 | 1098 | 80 | 1085 |
| do preferred... | .... | 1393 | 129 | 129 | .... | - | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Mining- |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| War Eagle ............ | \$3,05 | \$3.88 | \$2.49 | \$2.53 |  | 306 |  |  |
| Republic . . . . . . . . . . . | 1.20 | 1.41 ${ }_{1}$ | . 93 | ${ }^{1.03}$ | .... | 306 | 186 | 305 |
| Payne .. .............. | 1.40 | 1.68 | . 88 | $1.02 \downarrow$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Virtue............ | ... | 65 | . $45 \frac{1}{2}$ | . $54 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\ldots$ | . $\cdot$. | . | $\ldots$ |
| Montreal-London ..... | .... | . 96 | . 34 | . 34 |  | .... | $\ldots$ | ... |
| Banks- |  |  | 1 |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | . $\cdot$. |  |
| Montreal.............. | 250 | 268 | $249 \frac{3}{4}$ | ... | 235 |  |  |  |
| Ontario | 115 | $131 \frac{1}{2}$ | 115 | .... | 100 | 115 | 160 |  |
| Molsons .......... . . . | 202 | 218 | 190 | .... | 205 |  |  | 115 |
| Toronto | 243 | 2493 | 2393 | .... | 228 | 245 | 200 | $204 \frac{1}{2}$ 245 |
| Jacques Cartier ...... | 110 ${ }_{2}$ | 111 | 108 |  | 981 |  |  |  |
| Merchants .......... | 180 | 182) | 160 | 160 | 179 | 18181 | -9712 | 1101 |
| Eastern Townships,... | 152 | 158 | 155 | 155 | 150 | 160 | 150 | 1791 |
| Quebec................ | 123 | 130 | 123 |  | 120 |  | 120 | 155 |
| Union | 110 | 115 | 100 | .... | 101 | 1278 | 120 | 124 |
| Commerce.... | 145\% | $154{ }_{4}^{3}$ | 140 | 140 | 1342 |  | 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 112 |
| Merchants, of Halifax | 180 | 180 | 162 |  | .... | 180 | 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 143 ] |
| Hochelaga ........... | 162 | 164 | 146 | 146 | 146 | 165 | 146 |  |
| Nationale ....... . . . . . | 90 | 98 | 90 |  | 87 | 97 | 87 | 162 |
| Ottawa | .... | 210 | 205 |  |  | 210 |  | 96 |

The continued expansion of industry in the West, the advent of settlers, the working of mines, the increasing crop areas, the development of cattle raising and dairying, especially the latter, are factors toward the permanency of Canada's prosperity ; and if Montreal acts judiciously in equipping the port for a greatly increased traffic, and avoids the danger of sacrificing the interests of the city for those of individuals, she should soon rank high among the seaports of the world. The approval of the principle of the Conners' syndicate contract by the Board of Trade and the Corn Exchange warrants the belief that the interests of the port have been protected so far. We understand that the establishment of a weekly line at Portland has led to a large quantity of grain going past Montreal during the past year, while the railroads were greatly assisted in securing the carrying trade from the West by the unusual demand made upon the lake shipping by the iron ore trade, which indicates there is room for more shipping on the St . Lawrence route.

It is with profound regret that the Section has to announce the death of two valued members of its Committee, Mr. Francis Kennedy, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who died May 26th, and Mr. Jeffrey Penfold, Local Manager of the Bank of British North America, who died in the early days of July.

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At the annual meeting held to-day the scrutineers reported the following elections for the ensuing year :

Chairman of Section, Mr. Geo, H. Balfour, Manager Union Bank of Canada; General Committee, Messrs. J. S. Meredith, H. V. Meredith, A. E. Ellis, Jno. Walker, F. H. Mathewson, Edson L. Pease, James Elliott, J. A. Richardson, R. B. Kesson, Thos. How, C. Bogart; Secretary treasurer, Arthur Weir.

After expressions of regret that his retirement from active banking prevented the selection of the retiring chairman, the Section made unaninıous choice of Mr. A. McNider as their nominee for election on the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, to represent the interests of the Section, and expressed their thanks to Mr. M. J. A. Prendergast for his good services as their representative during the past year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. M. CROMBIE, Retiring Chairman.

## MONTREAL CLEARING HOUSE.

## Report for 1899.

The following is the comparison of the total monthly clearings for the last three years :-
 same period :-

Largest $\quad$ Week, $\left\{\begin{array}{lrr}1897, & \text { II } & \text { Nov.... } \$ 15,090,000 \\ 1898, & 6 \text { Oct...... } 18,453,000 \\ 1899, & 2 \text { March.. } & 20,272,000\end{array}\right.$
Largest $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{llll}1897, & 4 & \text { Nov.... } \$ 3,83 \mathbf{3}, 000 \\ 1898, & 1 & \text { Oct...... } & 3,83 \mathbf{5}, 000 \\ 1899, & 4 \text { April.... } & 5,039,000\end{array}\right.$

Smallest
Week, $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}1897, & 4 \text { March.. } \$ 8,157,000 \\ 1898, & \text { 14 April.... } & 8,721,000 \\ 1899, & 31 & \text { August.. } \\ \text { 11,750,000 }\end{array}\right.$


The average daily clearings for 1899 were $\$ 2,537,000$.
As reported by Bradstreet's, the aggregate clearings for 1899 show an increase of :In the United States
In Canada 36.5 per cent. over 1898

In Montreal
$\begin{array}{rccc}15.7 & \text { " } & \text { " } & \text { " } \\ 8.4 & \text { " } & & \end{array}$
The ten largest clearings are as follows:-

|  | \$60,761,791,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 7,086,285,000 |
| Philadel | 6,612,313,000 |
| St. Louis | $4,811,079,000$ $1,638,348,000$ |


| anadian clearing |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Toronto | ,029,000 | Vancouv | \$ 42, 179,000 |
| Winnipeg | 107,786,000 | Viamilton | 40,298,000 |
| Halifax | 70,600,000 | St. John, | $33,506,000$ |

Montreal, Ioth Jan., 1900.

## PORT OF MONTREAL. <br> Statement showing the Value of Merchandise Enteren for Consumption at this Port during the years ending 31 st December, 1899,1898 and 1897.

| Ampioles. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { V Al.UE. } \\ & 1899 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Value. } \\ & 1898 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Val.ce. } \\ & 1897 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ale, Beer and Porter |  |  |  |
| Animals | $28,213$ | $24,554$ | $22,253$ |
| Books, Pamphlete | $\begin{array}{r}4,794 \\ \hline 2589\end{array}$ | 2,734 | 2,866 |
| Brass, Manufactures | ${ }_{146,801}$ | 283,3 | 219,032 |
| Breadsturfs-Indian | 146,801 | 112,\%58 | 94,023 |
| Flour | 977 | 827 | 2,4 |
| Meal | 2,186 | 1,675 | 4,122 |
| Rice | 1,276 | 1,964 | 2,709 |
| Othe | 169,07. | 186,616 | 105,659 |
| R | 64,055 | 52,831 | 49,987 |
| Care, Railway a | 76,550 | 116,059 | 168,789 |
| nent and Janufactur | ${ }^{2} 5483$ | 2,046 | ${ }^{8} 7$ |
| al, Bituminous ..... | 256,675 63,319 | 405,958 | 108,725 |
| , Blea | 62,919 | 88,130 28,289 | ${ }^{87,003}$ |
| Dyed, Col | 217,262 | 212,663 | - 99,483 |
| Clothing | 1,204,329 | 1,067,458 | 944,590 |
| Thread (not 0 | 130,994 | 113,859 | 109,235 |
| Thread on Spools | 294,870 | 233.133 | 192,983 |
| All other Man | 1374,921 | 270,478 | 261,017 |
| Drugs and Medicin | - 2743807 | 221,884 | 162,165 |
| Earthenware, Stone and Chinaware................... | 659,475 238,830 | 635,812 | 558,223 |
| Fancy Goods and Embroideries, viz.:- ............ Bracelets, Braids, Fringes, etc. | 238,830 | 224,675 | 176,436 |
| Laces, Collars, Netti | 283,927 | 314,576 | 272,443 |
| All other Fancy Good | 219,301 | 257,970 | 214,565 |
| Flax, Manufactures of (1897 | 123,690 | 100,918 | 98,165 |
| Fish and Products of.............1.......... | 630,986 | 575,008 | 211,002 |
| Fruits and Nute, dri | 143,831 | 146,184 | 123,712 |
| Green, viz:-0 | 336,946 | 272,066 | 264,252 |
| All other | 314,639 | 291,322 | 261,823 |
| Furs, Manufactu | 102,851 | 86,224 | 93,174 |
| Glass, Manufactures of, viz:- | 316,004 | 247,700 | 214,520 |
| Bottles, Jars, Decanters, Tableware and Gas <br> Wight Shades............................... | 169,898 |  |  |
| Plate. | 233,192 | 193,592 | 160,879 146,018 |
| All other Manu | 109,450 | 99,911 | -89,882 |
| Gunpowder and Explosiv | 50,229 | 42,043 | 37,895 |
| Gutia Percha, Manufactures | 32,152 | 24,572 | 21,253 |
| Hats, Caps and Bonnet | 134,803 | 124,596 | 85,388 |
| All other........................ ... | 349,698 | 339,148 | 289,944 |
| Iron and Steel, and Manufactures | 136,516 | 153,912 | 148,121 |
| Band, Hoop, Sheet and Pl | 1,265,771 | 677,752 |  |
| Cutlery, Hardwar | 19,629 | 30,063 | $\begin{array}{r} 757,831 \\ 11,534 \end{array}$ |
| Machines, Machinery and Engines, inc. | 793,454 | 606,324 | 490,746 |
|  | 870,628 | 716,005 | 434,844 |

## Corrected page for Report of the Council of The Montreal Board of Trade.

Statement showing the Value of Merchandise Entered for Consumption
at this Port.-Continued.

| Articles. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Value. } \\ & 1899 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { VALTE. }^{1898 .} \\ 189 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Value. } \\ \text { 1897. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pig Iron, Kentledge and Scrap | $\frac{\$}{\$ 23,480}$ | $\stackrel{\stackrel{8}{8} 6,056}{ }$ | $\underset{341,321}{\$}$ |
| Stoves and Castings | 59,792 | 41,563 | 43,571 |
| Iron Tubing............................... | 289,141 | 159,729 | 99,617 |
| Jewellery and Watches, and Manufactures of Gold | 1,958,552 | 1,685,563 | 949,641 |
| and Silver. | 357,116 | 326443 | 297.849 |
|  | 182,135 | 172,776 | 136359 |
| Leather, alt kiths. | 479,147 | 457,058 | 490,374 |
| All other Man | 93,716 | 91,294 | 62,816 |
| Marble and Stone, and Manufa | 56,735 | 48,092 | 38,792 |
| Metals and Mannfactur | 240,611 | \% $\begin{array}{r}52,003 \\ 204,045\end{array}$ | 30,017 122860 |
| Musical Instruments. | 60,318 | 63,774 |  |
| Oil, Mineral, and Product | 98,488 | 96,166 |  |
| Flaxseed or Linseed, raw or boili | 233,039 | 171,70.3 | 82,065 |
| All other | 162,193 | 200,003 | 149,5x0 |
| Paints and Colours | 535,698 | 422,482 | 336,939 |
| Paper, Envelopes, | 376,543 | 373,239 | 306.815 |
| Pickles, Sauces, Capers, all kinds | 51,267 | 37,624 | 31,855 |
| Provisions, Lard, Meats, fresh and salt | 106,720 | 122,794 | 79,346 |
| Butter, C | 10,964 | 10,374 | 8,802 |
| Seeds and Roots | 60,083 | 101,692 | 99.677 |
| Silk, Manufactu | 1,329 837 | 1,138,211 | 770,078 |
| Soap, all kinds | 135,244 | 115,046 | 88,055 |
| Spices, ground and u | 53,167 | 47,814 | 47,861 |
| Spirits, all kinds. | 475,977 | 406,686 | 368,260 |
| Wines, Sparkling. | 105,022 | 88,746 | 83,255 |
| Other than Spa | 142,110 | 136,231 | 137,137 |
| Sngar. | 4,328,777 | 3,669,490 | 3,707.90x |
| Molasses and Syrup | 297,298 | $200,14{ }^{2}$ | 229.684 |
| Tobaceo and Cigars . . . . . . . . . . | 117,193 | 91,07! | 108,447 |
| Tobacco Leaf, (for six months on |  | 134,355 | 59025 |
| Vegetables . $\ldots$....................... ........ | 63,751 | 72,858 | 61.93 |
| Wood, Manufactures of.... ........................ | 110,752 | 99,4×5 | 84,178 |
| Woollens: Carpets, | 299,035 | 254,574 | 225.799 |
| Clothing...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 392,292 | 330, 60 | 234,62 |
| Clothe, Worsteds, Coatings, etc............. | 1,297,263 | 1,051,917 | 939,883 |
| Dress Goo | 1,380,1:7 | 1,575 917 | 1,315,4:311 |
| Knitte! | 343.222 | 324,755 | 234,511 |
| Shawls | 17,228 | 19,555 | 8,59 |
| Yarns | 68,000 | 39,225 | 28,135 |
| All other Manufact | 126,819 | 178,088 | 107,482 |
| All other Dutiable Goods | 4,001,912 | 3,625,016 | 3,414,010 |
| Total Duti | 32,005,986 | 29,530,143 | 23,936,10 |
| Coin ad | 21,361,007 | 20,1556,021 | 13,714,103 |
| Coin and | 4,657,507 | 4,356,882 | 2,351,599 |
| Grand Total. | 5 ${ }^{\text {Q , 02 }}$ 1,500 | 543, |  |

Free Goods imported at the Port of Montreal during the years ending 31 st December, 1899, 1898 and 1897.


## PORT OF MONTREAL.

Statement showing the Quantity and Value of Merchandise exported from this Port during the year ended 31st December, 1899.


Staitement showing the Quantity and Value of Merchandise exported
from this Port.-Continued.

| ARTICLES. | 1899 |  | 1898 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agrioultural Products- <br> Fruits-Green $\qquad$ <br> Barley.. <br> Beans and Peas. $\qquad$ Bush. <br> Indian Corn. $\qquad$ <br> Rye. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Oats. $\qquad$ <br> Wheat <br> Other Grain $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Flour of Wheat and Rye.......... Brls. Indian and other Meal.... ....... " Malt.. $\qquad$ <br> Total. $\qquad$ | Quastity. | Value. | Value. |
|  |  | \$ 947,683 |  |
|  | 970,271 | \$ 947,683 | \$ 891,412 |
|  | $1,255,073$ $3,25 \%, 596$ | 891,585 | 1,067,602 |
|  | $1,252,596$ 342.446 | $5,210,460$ 205,525 | 7,395,913 |
|  | $3,019,886$ | 205,525 $1.376,468$ | 661,308 $2,200,813$ |
|  | 10,221,743 | 7,939,409 | 2,200,813 |
|  | ${ }_{25}^{239} 486$ | 135,664 | 157,422 |
|  | 256,594 | 1,077,217 | 1,215,665 |
|  | 25,360 ${ }_{497}$ | 103,742 | 122,917 |
|  | 497 | 1,546,769 | 1,015 $1,319,823$ |
|  |  | 19,907,116 | ,032,588 |
| Manufagtures- |  |  |  |
| Cottons, |  | 150,971 | 73,102 |
| Extract of Hemlo |  | 1,122 | 43 |
| Lren-Prer............. |  | 271,438 | 312,542 |
| Boots and Sho |  | 791,040 | 740,178 |
| All other manufactures of........ |  | 6,737 13,810 | 6,202 |
| Liquors, Spirituous and Malt, of all |  | 13,810 | 6,613 |
| kinds.................... Gals. | 7,791 | 9,913 | 15,175 |
| Ships sold to other co. |  | 9,266 | 12,704 |
| Tobacco, Snuff and Cigars.............. |  |  | 2,000 28,778 |
| Wood, Manufactures of, all kinds.... | 58,313 |  | 28,778 252,120 |
| Other Articles. |  | 1,615,217 | 1,440,586 |
| Tot |  | 3,253,305 | 2,690,043 |
| Miscellaneous Articles... |  | 118,943 | 162,058 |
|  |  | 58,326,455 | 57,547,953 |
| Bullion, Gold in bars, blocks or ingots.... Cons, Gold... <br> Silver. |  | 414,245 | 529,168 |
|  |  | 5,255,617 | 4,612,992 |
|  |  | 44,665 | 39,067 |
|  |  | 64,040,98? | 62.729.180 |

L RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE AT MONTREAL DURING THE YEAR 1899, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1898

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TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF PRODUCE TO PARTICULAR PORTS, VIA RIVER ST, LAWRENCE, FROM THE OPENING OF NAVIGATION, APRIL 26TI, 1899 (first arrival from sea), TO THE CLOSE, NOVEMBER 28TH (last departure for sea), WI TH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 1898.

| PORTS. | Wheat. <br> Bush. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ccrn. } \\ & \text { Bush. } \end{aligned}$ | Peas. <br> Bush. | Oats. <br> Bush. | Barley Bush, | Rye. Bush. | Flaxseed. <br> Bush. | Buckwheat. Bush. | Flour. Brls. | Meal. <br> Brls. | Butter. <br> Pkgs. | Cheese. Boxes. | Lard. Brls. | Can ed Meats. Pkgs. | Eggs. | Hams and Bacon. Boxes. | Apples. Brls. | Cattle. Head. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| London | 1,898 253 | 1,398,0¢3 | 106,326 | 1,798,180 | 65,081 | 27,900 | 50,357 | 8,726 | 373.605 | 2526 | 112,869 | 701,351 | 2,557 |  | 1.612 |  |  |  |
| Miverpool . | 2,867,697 | 3,349,311 | 417,040 | 177.567 | 100,088 |  | 191,301 | 8,726 | 271,358 | 9,444 | 118,290 | 431,390 | 11,449 | 87,521 | 86,274 | 3,024 | 90,105 | 11,302 |
| Mristol | 1,367,267 | 533,046 944,230 | - 41,658 | 224,118 148.696 | 103 |  |  |  | 61,250 |  | 25,749 | 41.771 | 3,322 | 342 | 3,313 | 1,825 | 17,542 | 5,866 |
| Newcast | 126,007 | 68,036 | 20,814 | 80,966 | 103 | 17,115 | 42 | 8,481 | 71,268 26,752 | 4,1t9 | 147,668 3,899 | 415,754 46,337 | 7,968 187 | 355 52 | 21,710 | 488 | 4,187 | 9,302 |
| Hull. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 205,738 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 52 |  |  |  | 1,981 |
| Glasgo | $1,201,361$ 662,188 | $2,275,488$ $3: 9,789$ | 342,039 116,240 | 599,135 125,831 | 288,247 | 145,086 | 75,353 |  | 196,663 | 13,517 | 46,984 | 104,155 | 1,628 | 9,627 | 62,598 | 1,807 | 144,807 | 16,412 |
| Aberdeen |  | 2:0,598 | 8,402 | 18,876 |  |  |  |  | 45,713 | 2,680 | 741 | 6,353 | +49 |  | 1,403 |  | 8.831 | 664 3.0 |
| 1)ublin | 417,395 <br> 50 <br> 08 | 548,740 999,284 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13,625 | 3,503 |  | 590 | 4 |  | 1,403 |  | 8,831 | 3-0 |
| Oardiff | 198,001 | 352,579 |  | 211,329 | 56,551 | 175,315 |  |  | 24,888 | 47 |  | 10,069 28.594 | 123 | 5 |  |  | 100 | 231 |
| Hamburg \& Antwerp | 717,739 112,025 | 2,263,418 | 121,004 | 532,029 | 341,312 |  | 44,482 | 161,583 | $\dot{5} 32$ | 215 | 905 | 28. 206 | 28,911 | 50 | 325 | 29 | 12,640 | 2,331 |
|  | 9,852,125 | 13,272,602 | 1,233,869 | 3,926,564 | 1,080,927 | 366,016 | 600,335 | 179,195 | 1,080,459 | 37,655 | 457,471 | 1,813,848 | 56,574 | 102,453 | 177,265 | 7,425 | 233,761 | 78,293 |
| Lower Ports |  | 2,148 | 18,680 |  | 220 |  | 15 |  | 239,913 | 2,899 | 4,644 | 3,137 | 3,2×3 | 1,977 | 378 | 178 | 2,712 |  |
| Total for 1899 | 9,852,125 | 13,274,750 | $1,252,549$ | 3,926,564 | 1,081,147 | 366,016 | 609,350 | 179,195 | 1,320,372 | 40,554 | 462,115 | 1,816,985 | 59,857 | 104,430 | 177,643 | 7,603 | 286,473 | 78,293 |
| Total for 1898 ... | 9,007,347 | 19,236,358 | 1,630,404 | 6,781,821 | 321,578 | 983,982 | 777,074 | * | 1,020,600 | 40,986 | 302,877 | 1,837,663 | 46,449 | 142,818 | 189,905 | 11,569 | 393,143 | 94,136 |
|  | 844,778 | 5,961,608 | 397,855 | 2,855,257 | 759,569 | 617,966 | 167,764 |  | 299,772 | 432 | 159,238 | 20,678 | 13,408 | 38,388 | 12,262 | 3,96 | 106,670 | 15,843 |
|  | Increase. | Decrease. | Decrease. | Decrease. | Inc'se. | Dee'se. | Dec'se. |  | Increase. | Dec'se. | Inc'se. | Decrease. | Inc'se. | Dee'se. | Dec'se. | Dec'se. | Decr'se. | Dec'se. |

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Lowest and highest prices of Flour and Wheat in Montreal during thirty-eight years.

| $\begin{aligned} & \dot{\text { Di }} \\ & \stackrel{y y}{*} \\ & \stackrel{y}{\mid c} \end{aligned}$ | Straight Roller Flour. per barrel of 196 lbs. | No. 1 Hard Manitoba Wheat. per bushel of 60 lbs . | - | Spring Extra FLour per barrel of 196 lbs | U. Can. Spring Wheat per bushel of 60 lbs . |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ c. \$ c. | \$ c \$ c. |  | \$ c. \$ c. | \$ c. \$c. |
| 1899 | 320 to 365 | 072 to 086 | 1881 | $4: 5$ to 665 | 118 to 150 |
| 1898 | 330.585 | 070 .. 162 | 1880 | $505 \ldots 610$ | 113 .. 140 |
| 1897 | $355 . .500$ | 076 .. 110 | 1879 | $\begin{array}{lllll}3 & 90 & \ldots & 35\end{array}$ |  |
| 1896 | $320 . .475$ | $064 \frac{1}{2}$.. 1.02 | 1878 | $392 \frac{1}{2} .535$ | $085 \ldots 125$ |
| 1895 | $285 . .525$ | 069 .. 108 | 1877 | $510 \ldots 850$ | $116 \ldots 163 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1894 | $260 . .320$ | $060 \ldots 082$ | 1876 | 445 .. 550 | $103 \ldots 122 \frac{1}{2}$ |
|  |  | U. Can. Spring | 1875 | $410 \ldots 600$ | $\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 00 & 1 & 36\end{array}$ |
|  |  | Wheat. | 1874 | $440 \ldots 585$ | $100 \ldots 136 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| 1893 | $300 \ldots 375$ | No Quotations. | 1873 | $550 \ldots 655$ | $124 \ldots 155$ |
| 1892 | 345.480 | 070 to 103 | 1872 | 565 .. 680 | $130 \ldots 155$ |
| 1891 | 450 .. 560 | $098 \ldots 106$ | 1871 | $490 \ldots 660$ | $117 \ldots 145$ |
| 1890 | $425 . .520$ | $097 . .108$ | 1870 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 95 & \ldots & 60\end{array}$ | $090 \ldots 135$ |
| 1889 | $450 . .595$ | 112.127 | 1869 | $410 . .550$ | $095 \ldots 118$ |
| 1888 | $400 . .625$ | $082 \ldots 126$ | 1868 | 480 . 765 | $108 \ldots 175$ |
|  | Spring Extra. |  | 1867 | $675 \ldots 945$ | $147 \frac{1}{2}$.. 200 |
| 1887 | 340 to 365 | $080 \ldots 097$ | 1866 | 540 .. 825 | $116 \ldots 160$ |
| 1886 | 330 .. 390 | $079 \ldots 094$ | 1865 | 420.675 | $\begin{array}{llllll}0 & 96 & 1 & 30\end{array}$ |
| 1885 | 340.490 | $083 . .107$ | 1864 | $375 \ldots 460$ |  |
| 1884 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 35 & . & 515\end{array}$ | $081 . .120$ | 1863 | $385 \ldots 457 \frac{1}{2}$ | $\begin{array}{llllll}0 & 87\end{array} .1100$ |
| 1883 | 455 .. 535 | 104 .. 120 | 1862 | 410 .. 610 | $091 \ldots 108$ |
| 1882 | 460 .. 625 | $104 \ldots 150$ |  |  |  |

Straight Roller having become the leading grade of Flour, quotations thereof were in 1888 substituted for Spring Extra, and in 1894 quotations of No. 1 Hard Manitoba Wheat were substituted for those of Upper Canada Spring Wheat previously given.

## INSPECTION OF GRAIN.

The quantities of Grain inspected in Montreal during the past four years were as follows :-

|  | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1896. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | $\frac{\text { Bush. }}{1,643,000}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bush. } \\ & 3,367,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bush. } \\ & 2,986,200 \end{aligned}$ | Bush. $943,600$ |
| Corn................. | 14,381,100 | 19,665,400 | 8,430,100 | 5,703,000 |
| Peas................ | 1,913,250 | 2,382,800 | 2,748,000 | 3,257,100 |
| Oats | 6.641,400 | 12,744,700 | 9,413,294 | 5,187,600 |
| Barley............... | 1,366,000 | 135,100 | 220,400 | 242,500 |
| Rye.................. | 449,4C0 | 797.800 | 1,249,828 | 252,100 |
| Buckwheat | 328,800 | 482,400 | 754,608 | 563,000 |
| Totals.... ...... | 26,722,950 | 39,575,700 | 25,812,430 | 16,148,900 |

The quantities of Grain elevated in the Harbour of Montreal by the Montreal Elevating Company during the past four years were as follows :-

|  | 1899. | 1898. | 1897. | 1896. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bush. } \\ 10,001,498 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bush. } \\ & 8,945,929 \end{aligned}$ | Bush. $10.131,329$ | ${ }_{6,931,419}$ |
| Corn ...... . . . . . . . | 13,458,920 | $8,945,929$ $19,692,728$ | $10.131,329$ $9,383,553$ | 6,931,419 |
| Peas................ | 1,249,958 | $1,627,249$ | $9,383,553$ $1,834,295$ | 7,005,167 |
| Rats...... . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4,0×9,994 | 6,973,616 | $1,834,295$ $5,385,213$ | 1,824 442 |
| Barley | 374,909 | 998,059 | -974,058 | 2,768,697 |
| Buckwheat. | 1,113,490 | 323,708 | 178,007 | +306,749 |
| Flax Seed ...... . . . . . | 188,407 | 331,604 | 432,757 | 354,433 196,140 |
|  | 150,879 | 803,400 | 152,048 |  |
| Totals........ | 31,228,255 | 39,696,293 | 28,471,260 | 19,487,047 |

STOCKS OF GRAIN AND FLOUR IN MONTREAL ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 1895 TO 1899 INCLUSIVE.

| 1895 | Jan. | Feb, | Mar. | APL. | May. | June. | July. | AUG. | SEPT. | Oct. | Nov. | DE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat. . bush. | 663,814 | 663 |  | 482,932 |  | 24,700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peas....." | 64,772 | 1,784 | 1,869 | 2,412 | 7.554 | 27,130 | 225,214 | 10,230 2,750 |  | 263,1 | 3 | 246,388 |
| Oats...... " | 212,024 | 199,722 | 91,832 170,247 | 104,623 | 116,270 | 160,305 | 124,513 | 32,99 | 1,709 | 33,505 |  | 10,068 |
| Barley " | 19,930 | 1,824 | 170,249 8,599 | 199,016 ${ }^{1,433}$ | 157,879 | 95,296 | 207,172 | 166,135 | 100,771 | 78,462 |  | 21,582 |
| Rye. Flour | 5,529 | 5,329 | 5,424 | 5,076 |  | 533 |  |  |  | 621 | 11,856 | 10,437 |
| ur 184 | 28,553 | 25,749 | 19,816 | 19,38 |  |  | 4,3 |  |  | 2,851 | 2,851 | 2,851 |
| 1896. <br> Wheat..bush |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22,582 | 22,250 | 22,792 |
| Corn..... " | 7,87 |  | 825,034 27,070 | 902,121 | 844,235 | 357,504 | 4,05 | 275,450 | 284 |  |  |  |
| Peas. ... ". | 2,91 | 4,443 | 6,362 | 73,330 | 76,721 | 43,374 | 50,04 | 35,621 | 58,63 | 26,40 | 49 | 447,377 35,327 |
| Oats | 199,842 | 181,837 | 262,628 | 397,341 |  | 61,603 | 77,32 | 78,250 | 93,488 | 225,004 | 318,5 |  |
| Barley | 899 | 46,709 | 52,607 | 60,693 | 64,235 | 354,113 | 300,020 3680 |  | 211,44 | 220,981 | 513,219 | ${ }_{91,261}$ |
| H1 ur...... | 3,492 | 3,492 | 3,492 | 6,484 | 6,484 | 6, 6,68 | 36,822 6,484 | 44,486 | 25,549 | 25,540 | 63,594 | 33,094 |
| 1897. |  |  | 28 | 32,498 | 37,209 | 35,171 | 37,550 | 34,74 | 31,334 |  | 13,723 41,231 | $\begin{aligned} & 20,910 \\ & 38,510 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| heat | 447,111 | 446,372 |  | 503,868 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peas.... | ${ }^{35,008}$ | ${ }_{12,913}^{23,913}$ | 22,026 | 20,829 | 20,306 | $14,595$ | 17,945 | 233,385 78248 | 225,886 | 301,045 | 404,346 | 87,363 |
| Oats | ${ }_{1}^{135,676}$ | 143,142 | 178,714 | 207,6m4 | 262.918 | 258,402 | 131,90 | 1017 | ${ }_{84}^{38,586}$ | 41,447 | 58,03 | 84,556 |
| Barley... " |  | 41.861 | 486,819 4888 | 804,711 | 879,541 | 572,449 | 474,58 | +83,45 |  | 53.177 | 124,918 | 112,949 |
| Rve .... " | 44,354 | 51,341 |  | 41,710 | 56,131 | 40,448 | 42,970 | 35,49 | 51,681 | 150,863 | 425,918 | 264,227 |
| Flour . . . br's. | 42,947 | 62,245 | $\begin{aligned} & 58,166 \\ & 51,931 \end{aligned}$ |  | $31,5$ | 34,248 | 30,704 10 | 27,96 | 12,449 | 23,051 44,38 | $\begin{aligned} & 26,620 \\ & 90,105 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 28,486 31,355 |
| 1898. |  |  |  |  | 31,5 |  | 19,302 | 18,40 | 13,379 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,4333 \\ & 13.301 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90,105 \\ & 15,131 \end{aligned}$ | 31,355 11,662 |
| Wheat..bush | 105,968 | 94,415 | 110,346 | 93,884 | 206,484 | 424,333 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peas..... " | 138,7 | 60,499 | 45,361 | 57,865 | 121,873 | 151,726 | 244.660 | 7, <br> 70,205 | 34, | 80,124 | 173,920 | 47,511 |
| Oats...... " | 515,370 |  | 94,546 783,664 | 143,088 | 195,832 | 282,685 | 297,424 | 180,51 | ${ }_{29,242}^{29,799}$ | ${ }_{72,451}^{14,892}$ | ${ }_{91}^{211,816}$ | 32,771 |
| Barley | 26,577 | 40,361 | ${ }_{36,201}$ | 1,053,50 40 | 1,057,347 1 | 1,047,426 | 1,118,242 | 812,54 | 278,349 | - 32,451 | 387,7 | 17,757 |
| Rye. | 49,817 | 47,796 |  |  |  | ${ }^{31,296}$ | 30,342 | 25,749 | 5,910 | 7,771 |  |  |
| Flour... brls. | 19,480 | 17.961 | 36,024 17 | 21.331 | 71,666 16,847 |  | 13,151 | 16,621 | 11,318 | 12,795 | 28,379 | 19,366 1,654 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 16,84 | 18,83 |  | 16,285 | 13,96 | 12,718 | 9.373 | 9,839 |
| Corn..... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 20,634 25,034 | 18, | 23,233 | 18,967 | 100,573 | 324,958 | 200,77 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peas...... " | 17,283 | ${ }_{21,874}^{20,424}$ |  | 17,056 41,158 | 4, 9,039 | ${ }^{56,723}$ | 153,117 | 114,993 | 105,480 | 458 | 188,8 | 50,318 |
| Oats..... " | 114,326 | 193,784 | 287,327 | 474,519 | 44,042 | 109,059 | 72,492 | 43,083 | 32,687 | 123,903 | 160,871 | 37,281 33,198 |
| Barley | 3,952 | 8,724 | 7,303 | 6,394 |  | 464,998 | 412,038 | 247,990 | 163,650 | 323,086 | 405,01 | 216,822 |
| Rye...... ${ }^{\text {Flour }}$ | 3,232 | 3,549 | 2,893 | 2,595 | 2,595 |  |  | 16,771 | 17,902 | 114.081 | 134,456 | 31,503 |
| Hour....bris | 14,788 | 16,145 | 18,428 | 22,120 | 20,709 | 20,301 | 25,496 | 24,123 | 2,569 | 45,501 | 48,824 | 31,536 |

## $\mathfrak{F n}$ ffemoriam.

List of Members of the Montreal Board of Trade who died during 1899-1900.

JAS. BAYLIS FRANCIS SCHOLES EWEN McLENNAN JOHN MAGOR FRANK CAVERHILL F. J. KENNEDY W. R. OSWALD J. PENFOLD - Died W. PENFOLD - - Died July 3, 1899 W. J. NELSON - - - Died July 7, 1899 JAS. JOHNSTON - - Died July 14, 1899 D Z. BESSETTE - - Died Sept. 4, 1899 JNO. E. SCHULTZE - - Died Sept. 9, 1899 J. C. WILSON - - - Died Oct. 8, 1899 A. E. TREW - - Died Nov. 4, 1899 D. G. THOMSON - - Died Nov. 5, 1899 ROBT. LINTON - - Died Nov. 15, 1899 WALTER BLUE - - Died Nov. 20, 1899 HUGH McLENNAN - - Died Nov. 21, 1899 JOHN STIRLING - - Died Dec. 6, 1899 FRED NASH - - Died Dec. 7, 1899 WALTER SHANLY - - Died Dec. 16, 1839 HENRY MACARTNEY - Died Dec. 21, 1899 J. HY. SMITH, who sailed from Poitland in April, on the S.S. J. H. ROUTH Arona, which was never again heard of. W W - Died Jan. 4, 1900 W. W. OGILVIE - - Died Jan. 12, 1900

## MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE

## OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS FOR 1893.

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Arthur J. Hodgson.
Jas. W. Knox.
H. Laporte.

John Macfarlane.
R. W. Macdougall. Jas. McBride. Wm. McMaster. M. J. A. Prendergast. David Robertson. Hon. J. K: Ward.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

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Adam G. Thomson.
David Watson.

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LIST OF MEMBERS.

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDikESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adam R, C........... |  |  |  |
| Aird, Wm. D............... | Union Cold Storage Co......... |  | 45 Metcalfe street. |
| Alexander, Chas........... | Chas. Alexander \& Sons......... | Confection | Cor Wellington and Young streets. 2i9 St. James street. |
| Allan, Andrew ............... | H. \& A. Al | Butter, Cheese and Grain. ... ....... | 600 St. Panl street. |
| Allan, Andrew A.......... | H. \& A. Allan | S.S. Agents......... ....................... | 55 Common street. |
| Allan, Bryce J............ | H. \& A. Allan | S.S. Agents | 55 Common street. Boston, Mass. |
| Allan, H. Montagu......... | H. \& A. Allan H. \& A. Allan | S.S. Agents | 55 Common street. |
| Allan, R. A. S....... | Robt. Allan \& Co | Produce..... | 55 Common street. |
| Allen, James ............... |  | Agent, Armour \& Co., Chicago ..... | 1 Place Royale. |
| Allen, Jos. <br> Ames, Herbert B | British American Dyeing Co...... | Dyers..... ......... ......................... | 221 McGill street. |
| Anderson, D............. | Wm. Sclater \& Co. Ltd .......... | Asbestos Manufacturers | Y. M. C. A. Building. 44 Foundling street. |
| Anders $n$ n, $J$ | J. Burstall \& Co..................... | Manager.... | 112 Board of Trade Building |
| Angus, Wm ..................... | The Auld Mucilage Co. |  | 1709 Notre Dame street. |
| Archer, Robt................. | North........... .... -......... |  | $\begin{aligned} & 759 \text { Craig stre } \\ & \text { P. O. Box } 25 . \end{aligned}$ |
| Ayer, A. A | North Am. Life Association i. A. Ayer \& Co ........... | Manager | 180 St. James street. |
| Ayer, A. J | A. A. Ayer \& Co...................... | Buiter \& Chee <br> Butter \& Chee | 576 St. Paul street. 576 St. Paul street. |
| Bacon, F Bacon, Thos. P $\qquad$ | Bacon Bros .. | Manufacturers' Agents.. .............. | 377 St. Paul street. |
| Badenach, Thos ........... | Bacon Bros... | Manufacturers' Agents | 377 St. Paul street. |
| Badgley, John C......... |  | Cigar Manufacturers | 84 St . Peter street. |
| Raile, Andrew ...... ...... | (1) | Coal Merchant | 1761 Notre Dame street. |
| Bailey, James.............. | Thomson S.S. Line | Manager....... | 69 Mc Gill street. <br> 23 St . Sacrament street |
| Baillie, Jno.................. | Dominion Oil Cloth Co | Oil Cloth Manufacturers.................. | 23 St. Sacrament street. <br> 858 St. Catherive street. |
| Baird, ©. J | Crane \& Baird....................... | Grain Shippers ............................ | 858 St. Catherine street. <br> 54 St. Francois Xavier street. |

## Ormstown, Que.

43 St. Sacrament street. 157 St. James street.
176 St. James street. 209 Western avenue. 290 St . James street.
Bonsecours Market.
219 Board of Trade
78 St. James street.
6 Si . Sacrament street. 12 Di. James street. Ville St. Louis.
9 Church street.
72 St . Pau! street.
30 Hospital street.
London \& Lancashire Building.
746 Notre D:me street.
1746 Notre Dcme
81 Union avenue.
"B "Board of Trade Building.
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Place d'Armes square. Quebec, Que.
3 St . Peter street. 18 St. Sacrament street.

Oanal Bank.
18 Common street.
95 St. Francois Xavier street.
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178 Inspector street.

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John Henderson \& Co............ Furriers................................................ 229 St. James street,
Teneral Merchant.
nion Bank of Canada.. .......... Standard Life Ins. Co ......... City \& District Savings Bank.
 Si.Lawrence Sugar Refining Co. The Central Agency............................................................. The Central Agency...............
The Beaubien Prod. \& Ml'g.
 Commission

General Manager................................... Manager Lumber Merchants. Whortesale
Wholesale Grocers..
Commissio
Mutual Reserve Fund Life Ass.
Banque Jacques Cartier........................................
Banque Jacques Cartier...
J. Burstall \& Co.............
C. H. Binks \& Co .... ...... ......
Birks, Corner \& Co ....... By. Birks \& Sons ...

Stevenson, Blackader \& Co...
Canada Switch \& Spring Co. Ganada Switch \& Spring Co.I Walter Blue \& Co

Warehousemen, Brokers, \&c....
Manufacturers of Boots and Shoes.

Dominion Bank.
Boivin, Wilson \& Co ...............
Montreal Loan \& Mortgage Co
With J. \& T. Bell..................
Rep. J F. Harris of Chicagg..
John Henderson \& Co.........
Rep. J F. Harris of Chicago

Bienvenu Tancrede
Billingsley, Fred
Birks, Arthur
Birks, Henry.....
I
Blackwell, K. W.
Blaikloek,
Blue, Wa. A.
Boas, Feodor.
Bogert, A....
Bolton, Richard.
Bond, Ed.
Boordeau Gedeon......... Botterell, E. H...............
LIST OF MEMBERS.-Continued.

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boyd, W. E.... |  |  |  |
| Bragg, Harry. | Care Andrews, Bell \& Co......... |  | 30 Hespital street. |
| Braid wood, Francis...... | Canada Jute Co.................... | Secretary | 17 St Martin street. |
| Brainerd, Thos. C <br> Brais, L A | Hamilton Powder Co. Glorer \& | President. | 103 St. Franceis Xavier street. |
| Brault, L....................... | Hudon, Hebert \& O. | Wholesale Grocers. | 184 McGill street. |
| Brennan, W | W. \& J. Sharples.................... | Lumber.............. | 8 Place Royale. |
| Brice, A. J................. |  | Rutter and Cheese | 12 St . Peter street. |
| Brice, E. A .... ........... |  | Butter and Cheese | 34 St. Peter street. |
| Brock, Jeffrey G........... Brodie, H | J. G. Brock \& | S.S. Agents ...... | 211 Commissioners street. |
| Brodie, H .................... | Brodie \& Harvi Brophy, Cains \& | Flour Merchants... | 10 and 12 Bleury street. |
| Brophy, Thos...... | Brophy, Cains \& Co ............... | Wholesale Dry Good | 23 St . Helen street. |
| Brosseau, D. C........... | ......... ..... .............. ......... | Wholesale Grycer... | 1436 Notre Dame street. |
| Brown, Andrew A......... Brown, Thos. B........ | Agent McClary İfg Co........... | Wholesale b-scer. | 143 St. Peter street. |
| Brown, W. H....... | Royal Electric Co | General | 10 Bell Telephone Building. |
| Brush, Geo. S......... | Eagle Foundry..... ................. | Founder | 34 King street. |
| Bryan, B. B.. | F. G. Lugan \& Co. .................. |  | Chicago, IH. |
| Budden, H. A Bulling, W. B |  |  | 1090 Dorchester street. |
| Bulmer H..... | Cauadian Pacific Railway Co... | General Freight Agent | Windsor street Station. |
| Bulmer, Jno. A............. | John A. Salmer \& Co | Lumbe | 571 Dorchester street. |
| Burland, Jeffrey H........ Burland, Geo. B ....... | British American Bank Note Co. |  | 824 Sherbrooke street. |
| Burnett, W. A W .......... | British American Bank Note Co. <br> With E. L. Bond | President...... | 7 Blevry street. |
| Burns, W, A ................. | McKay L.iing Co., Ltd........... | Mille:s......... | 303 Board of Trade Building. |
| Buzzell, Enoch..... ....... | Buzzell Bros........................... |  | Cowansville, Que. |
| Byrd, Chas................... | Munderloh \& Co...... ..... ........ | Commission |  |
| Byrne, D. J................. | Leonard Bros............................ | Fish | 24 Foundling street. |
| Cains, Geo L.............. | S. Greenshields, Son \& Co...... | Wholesale Dry Goods. | 2 St . Helen street. |
| Cairns, W $\qquad$ <br> Cameron Duncan |  |  | 33 St . Nicholas street. |
| Campbell, David.. | D. Cannbell \& S | City Weigher, Measurer and Gauger | 27 St . Sacrament street. |
| Campbell, David, jr | D. Campail \& So |  | 46 Drihousie street. |

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P. O. Bo 188 City.
00 McTavish street.
30 St. Francois Xavie
20 Founding street. 30 St. Francois Xavier street.
20 Foundling street.
414 Board of Trade Building.
Cor. St. James \& St. Peter streets 405 Board of Trade Building.


 Jas A. Cantlie \& Co..........
With Lake of the Woods M'lg Co With Lake of the Woods M'lg Co Carsley, Sons \& Co.. 13 St. Peter street. 1760 Notre Dame street, 1798 Notre Dame street. 1760 Notre Dame strect ${ }_{89} 99 \mathrm{St}$. Peter street. Peter street.范 ${ }_{138}^{267 \mathrm{St} \text { St. James street. }}$ 71 St . Peter street.

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. 50 .
267 St . James street.

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| Clouston, E. S ....... .... |  |  |  |
| Cochrane, Jas.............. | .. Jas. Cochrane \& Co ........... | Manager | 109 St. James street. |
| Coghlin, B. J............ |  |  | 8 Place D'Armes. |
| Conroy, Thoma |  | Whol | Hillhurst, Que. |
| Cook A. E Cookson, | Elder, Dempster \& Cu... | Trader | 165 Dalhousie street. |
| Coon, H. J | Kirkpatrick \& Cookson. | Commission | 6 St Sacrament street. |
| Cooper, Jas.... | Bartlett-Frazier Co., Ltd...... | . Grain Exporter | 22 William street. 39 St Sacrament street. |
| Coristine, E. ${ }^{\text {Has }}$ | Copland \& Co..................... | . Importers......... | 299 St. James street. |
| Corneille, Chas C | Jas. Coristine \& Co ................ | Furs ...... | 230 St. James street. |
| Costigan, John... | John Costiyan \& Cor \& Co.......... | Paints, Oils, \&c Wood and Coal | 312 St . Paul street. |
| Cotter, F. W. | John Vostigan \& Co................ | Wood and Cos | 2410 Notre Dame street. |
| Coughlin, C | Dobell, Beckett \& Co ....... | Lumber Mercha | ${ }_{1}^{2410}$ Notre Dame street. |
| Cowans, Robt. M | John McDougall ...................... | Live Siock Agent | 43 St. Sacyament street. |
| Coyle, E. J.................. | R. Cox \& Co........................ | W'rs of Engines and Car Wheels. | 574 William street. |
| Craig, E. F. | Minichamp, Cuyle \& Co........ | Agents of Can. Woollens................ | 230 Mc(itll street. |
| Crane, T. A |  | Cattle Exporter. | ${ }_{4}^{507}$ Board of Trade Building. |
| Crathern, Jas. | Crane \& Baird Crathern \& Ca | Gran Shippers | ${ }_{54} \mathrm{~F}$ " St. Frard of Trade Building. |
| Crawford, David | Orathern a Ca | Wholesale Hard | 12 Bell Telephone Building. <br> 帾 Xavier street. |
| Crawnord, Jno Creak, Geo..... |  |  | 69 MeGill College avenue. |
| Crighton, Capt. Alex. T. | Deputy Port Warden | Chartered Accountan | P. O. Box 194 <br> Toronto Bank Chambers. |
| Crotts, H. W.............. | James Carruthers \& C |  | 199 Commissioners street. |
| Crowdy, Geo. J | Canadian Bank of Commerce... | Manager | 218 Board of Trade Building. |
| Crowe, John.... | James Hutton \& Co ................ | Wholesale Hardware | 189 St. Jarr es street. <br> 3 z2 Board of Trade Bldg |
| Cumming, A. C.. | Jas. Johnston \& Co..................... | Hay Exporters. <br> . | Board of Trade Building. |
| Cundill, Francis. | Frs. Cundill \& Co $\qquad$ | Wholesale Dry Goods Tea Agents | 26 St . Helen street. |
| Cunningham, Wm.. |  | Manufacturers' Agent...................... | 211 Board of Trade Building. |
| Currie, F. P.................. | W. \& F. P. Currie \& Co....... | Shipping Master ........................... |  |
| Ourrie, Jas ....................\|B | Bruneau, Currie \& Co | Importers $\qquad$ Flour, Feed and Produce | 134 McGill street. |

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ntreal Brewing Co. Lit Montreal Transportation Co.. 14 Place Royale. 594 St. Paul street.
180 St. James street.
188 Defisle street.
78 St. Francois Xavier street
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12 St. Helen street.
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anada Life Building.
7 St . James street.
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3 St. Paul street. 293 st . Paul street.
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| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
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| Duckett, Frank............ | Duckett. Hodge \& Co. | Exporters of Butter and Cheese. | 55 William street. |
| Duff, J. M. M................. | Dr.elt Ho do | Accountant | Room 52 Imperial Building. |
| Duffy, J. J... |  | Coffee and Spice Merchant.. | 375 St. Paul street. |
| Dufresne, C. A | O. Dufresne, jr., \& Fr | Lumber Merchants | 2388 Notre Dame street. |
| Dunlop, A. F... | O. Dufresne, jr., | Lumber Me | 2388 Notre Dame street. Temple Suilding. |
| Dunlop, Graham C ( |  | Stock Brol | 6 St . Saerament street. |
| Durnford, A. D |  |  | 1709 Notre Dame street. Molsons Bank. |
| Duverger, Henri | Montreal Weaving Co |  | 595 Clark avenue, Ville St. Louis. |
| Eaves Alfred............... |  | Jeweller | 1679 Notre Dame street. |
| Ecroyd, Thomas...... ..... |  |  | 503 St. Paul street. |
| Ekers, H. A.............. |  | Brewer........................ | 409 St. Lawrence street. |
| Esplin, George | G. \& J. Esplin | Grain and Freight Brokers............. | 318 126 Duke street. |
| Evans, Alf. B. | Evans \& Sons, Lt | Wholesale Dru | 39-45 St. Jean-Baptiste street. |
| Evans, F. W .............. | Evans \& Johnson... | Insurance A gents | Cor. Notre Dame \& St Frs. Xavier Sts. |
| Evans W. H rbert......... | Evans Bros.................... ...... | Coal Merchants. | 267 St James street. |
| Ewing, A. S .............. | S. H. \& A. S. Ewing | Coffee and Spices | 55 Cote street. |
| Ewing, S. H..... ..... ... | S. H. Ewing \& Sons | Coffee and Spices | 27 St. Sacrainent street. |
| Ewing, S. W............... | S. H. Ewing \& Sons | Coffee and Spices | 27 St. Sacrament street. |
| Ewing, Wm............... | Wm. Ewing \& Co.. | Seed Mercbants. | 142 McGill street. |
| Farquharson, John ..... Farrell, M. | The Montreal Biscnit Co....... | Biscuit Manufacturers | 84 McGill street. |
| Farrell, M. J................ |  | Cheese Merchant .. | 314 Board of Trade Building. |
| Farrell, Wiltiam........... |  | Wines and Spirits | 420 St. Paul street. |
| Fetherstonhaugh, E.C.B. | S. Greenshields, Sun \& Co..... | Wholesale Dry Goods | 2 St . Helen street. |
| Ferguson, D. . | J. S. \& D. Ferguson. ... .......... | Commission Agents. | 13 Hospital street. |
| Ferguson, John S........ | J. S. \& D. Ferguson ............... | Commission Agents | 13 Hospital street. |
| Ferns, P. W.............. | Peter Ferns \& Son. | Stevedores ................................ | 423 St . Denis street. |
| Fitchburg R.R............. <br> Foley, M. S | I |  | 416 Board of Trade Building. |

277 Bleury street．
1715 Notre Dame street．
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644 Craig street．
149 St．Maurice street．
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584 St．Paul street．
209 St．James street．
504 Board of Trade Building
423 Board of Trade Building．
2 St．Helen street．
43 St．Sacrament street．
Board of Trade Building．
2 St．Sacrament street．
496 St．Paul street．
95 St．James street．
 Manufacturers of Wall Paper． Produce Exporter ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． Grocers and Wine Merchants ．．．．．．．．．．
Accountant．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Commission．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． Wholesale Dry Goods．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． Manager ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． Soint Manager．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． The Watson，Foster Co，Ltd．．


 Merchants Bank of Canada．．．．．．．．． Fraser，A．D．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Fraser，D．Torrance．．．．．．
Fraser，Donald ．．．．．．．．．．．
Vraser，George B．．．．．．．．．
Fraser，John．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Fraser，N．J．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Furnes，Withy\＆Co．Ltd．
Fyfe，James．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
Fyslie，Thos．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．
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Gagnon，A．F．．．．
 Machinery Supply Association．． ．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．




r．Victoria Square and Craig street t．Francois Xavier street． 5 St．Sacrament street． 4 Board of Trade Building．

2 St．Sacrament street．
5 St．Paul street．
St．John street． －感等 がすま゙も 536 Craig street．

83 Commissioners street．
1740 Notre Dame st
140 Notre Dame street． 2 De Bresoles street． 347 St ．Paul street．
40 Nazareth street．
401 Board of Trade

401 Board of Trade Building．
113 Hutchison street． Windsor Hotel． Steamship Agents．
Wholesale Grocers． General Merchants．．．
Coffee Manufacturers Grain Exporter．
LIST OF MEMBERS.-Continued.

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESSS. | ADDRESS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Girard, P. M............ | Girard \& Labonté............. . | Commission |  |
| Gnaedinger, E. W........ | L. Gnaedinger, Son \& Co....... | Wholesale Hatters and Furriers. | 14 William street. |
| Goodhugh, W. G.......... | W. S. Goodhugh \& Cu.......... | Hardware Agent....... ..... General Merchants | 317 Board of Trade Building. |
| Goodhugh, W. S ......... | W. S. Goodhugh \& Co .......... | General Merchants ................ .... | 207 207 Board of Trade Building. |
| Gould, O. M....... ......... |  | ...................... ...... ........... | 17 DeBresoles. |
| Grafton, F. B .............. | F. E. Grafton \& Sons | Statione | 140 Laval ave. |
| Grabam, A. F ........ .... Graham, Geo....... .... |  | Grocer | 250 St. Jrmes street. |
| Graham, Geo........ ....... | Grabam \& Co | Grocer.... | ${ }_{2448}^{2448} \mathrm{St}$. Catherine street- |
| (Grand) Riddell, J. M1... | Grand Trunk Railway ............... | Local Freight A. | 163 St. James street |
| Trunk $\}$ Read, A. F..... | Grand Trunk Railway...... ...... | Foreign Freight | Chaboillez square. |
| Ry. ${ }_{\text {L }}$ Loud, J. Watson, Frank | Grand Trunk Railway ..... ...... | General Freight Agent ...... | 12 Board of Trade Building. 130 St . Etienne street. |
| Grange, H. P...... ........ |  | Eastern District Frei......... .......... | 12 Board of Trade Building. |
| Grant, A. W | Granger Frères ... .... .. ....... | Fancy Goods.... | Coteau Landing. <br> 1699 Notre Dame street. |
| Grant, ©. H. A | Montreal Watch Case Co.......... | Butter and Cheese Watch Case Manu | 37 William street. |
| Grant, John G. ........... | Montral Watch Ca | Stock Broker and Auditor. | 12 Street Railway Chambers. |
| Gravel, J. O............... | Canadian Rubber Co................ | Secretary-Treasurer | 22 St. John street. |
| Greene, E. K., jr..... .... Greene, Geo. A ........ | Greene, Sons \& Co .................... | Wholesale Furs. | 333 st. Paul street. 517 St. Paul street. |
| Greenshields, Edw. B..... | G. Greenshields, Son \& Co....... | Whoiesale Furs. | 517 St . Paul street. |
| Grenier, Jacques .......... | Jacques Grenier \& Cu | Wholesale Dry Goods |  |
| Griffith, Juhn J...... ...... <br> Gurd, Charles | Miller \& Griffith <br> Chas. Gurd \& Co $\qquad$ $\qquad$ | A ccountants | 292 St. Paul street. Sherbrooke, Que. |
| Gurd, Cbaries .............. | Chas. Gurd \& Co .... ............. | Aerated Waters...... ..................... | 45 Jurors street. |
| Hadrill, Alf. W. | Can. Fire Underwriters' Ass'n. |  |  |
| Hagar, John T. | J. \& T. Bell | Boots and Shoes................................ | 178 Inspector Trade Building. |
| Hague, Geo ${ }_{\text {Hains, John McD............. }}$ ( | Merchants Bank of Canada ...... | Joint Manager | 178 St. James street. |
|  |  | Accountant |  |

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St. Sacrament street. St. Sacrament street.
Foundling street.
Janada Life Building.
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Canada Life Building
18 Board of Trade.
O. Box 375 .
Cor. Craig and St. Peter streets, 30 St. François Xavier street. 161 MeGill street.
780 Notre Dame

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LIST OF MEMBERS.-Continued.

| ADDRESS. |
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| 55 William street. |
| 67 William street. |
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| 349 St. Paul street. |
| 349 St. Paul street. |
| 139 St. James street. |
| 47 St. Francois Xavier street. |
| 43 Victoria square. |
| 49 St. François Xavier street. |
| 2056 Notre Dame street |
| Cane Notre Dame street. |
| Canada Life Building. |
| 4 Hospital street. |
| 232 St. James street. |
| 238 St. Helen street. Paul street. |
| 34 St. Peter street. |
| 2 St. Antoine street. |
| 16 Board of Trade Building. |
| 22 Foundling street. |
| 43 Jacques Oartier Square. |
| London, Ont. |
| 157 St. James street. |

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117 St. François Xavier street. 57 Common street.
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130 St . James street.
Banque du Peuple Building.
351 St. Paul street. Notre Dame street.
125 Board of Trade Building. Magog House, Sherbrooke, Que. 14 Place Royale.
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14 Place Royale.

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 Geo. E. Jaques \& Co.............
Northern Elevator Jaques, C. A.................. Jamieson, R. C .......... Johnson, Chas. Johnson, Chas. R. G.. Johnston, H. G Johnston, H. G.............. Jobnston SS. Line
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LIST OF MEMBERS.-Continued

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Labatt, Tbeo......... ..... | St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Co |  |  |
| Labbé, George H.......... | G. H. Labbé \& Co | Furniture Mfrs ..... ...................... | 26 St. Sacrament street. <br> 346 Délorimier avenue. |
| Labelle, Hospice.. |  |  | 8 Dorchester street. |
| Lacaille, Ohas... | Charles Lacaille \& Cie | Wholesale G | 223 Commissioners street. |
| Lainamboise, C. Arthur. |  |  | 329 St. Paul street. |
| Laing, James N............ | Laing Packing \& Prov. Co..... | Pork and Beef Pa | 22 Victoria square. |
| Laing, Peter.... | Laing Packing \& Prov. Co | Pork and Beef Packe | 839 St . Catherine street. |
| Lalonde, Armand | Boston \& Maine Ry. |  | 839 St. Catherine street. |
| Lalonde, Jos. T. | Lalonde \& Desroches | Wholesale G | 124 St. James. |
| Lamb, McDuff | Lamb's Market ... |  | 210 St. Paul street. |
| Lamb, Thos ..... |  |  |  |
| Lamontagne, H | Hector Lamontagne \& Co....... | Leather |  |
| Lang, H. H.... | The Lang Manufacturing Co... | Biscuits and Confectione | 28 St . Monique street. |
| "La Patrie". | Charles Langlois \& Cie...... .... | Produce Merchants | 241 St . Paul street. |
| Lapierre, Z........ | Z. Lapierre \& Fils | Boot and Shoe Manu | St. James street. |
| Laporte, Hormida | Laporte, Martin \& Co........ | Wholesale Grocere | 72 St . Peter street. |
| Larmonth Fred. M........ | Amiot, Lecours \& Larivière | Hardware, \&c | 593 St . Lawrence street. |
| Lavers, A. H.. | Atna Life Ins rance Co | Cashier | 220 Board of Trade Building. |
| Laviolette, D. | John L. Uassidy Company, Ltd | Orockery Importers ....................... | 126 St. James street. |
| Law, David, Jr | Law, Young \& Co.................. | General Merchants | Paul street. |
| Law, Jas... | Law, Young \& Co........ ......... | General Merchants.................. ....... |  |
| Law, Robt....... | Greene, Sons \& Co ................. | Liquidator................. ................ | 521 Board of Trade B |
| Learmont, Joseph | Davis \& Lawrence Co., Ltd...... | Manufacturer | 356 St. Antoine street. |
| Lebel, J. P...... ... ........ | Caverhil, Lear | Provisions | 89 St. Peter street. |
| Lee, John | John Lee \& Son | Ship liners, ete | issioners street. |
| Leger, O..... | Sun Life Insurance Co | Lumber............ | 1763 Notre Dame street. |
| Leslie W. S. | A. C. Leslie \& Co | Lumber | 107 St. James street. |
| Letourneux, C. H. | Letourneux, Fils \& Co | Wholesale Hardware | 515 Board of Trade Building. |
| Levin, B | B. Levin \& Co. | Wholesale Hats and Furs |  |
| Lewis, Fred. 0 | Lewis Bros. \& Co | Wholesale Hardware $\qquad$ | 491 St. Paul street. <br> 30 St . Sulpice street. |
| Lewis, G. | G. Lewis \& Co.. | Importers $\qquad$ | 30 St. Sulpice street. <br> 1886 Notre Dame street. |


LIST OF MEMBERS-Continued.

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mathewson, S. J... | J. A. Mathewson \& Co. | Wholesale Grocer | 202 McGill street. |
| Mathewson, William B... | J. A. Mathewson \& Co.. | Wholesale Grocer | 202 McGill street. |
| Mathieu, Aimé............. | Mathieu Frères......... | Wines................ | 21 DeBresoles street. |
| Mathien, Euclide.. | Mathieu Frères. .... .. .............. | Wines | 21 DeBresoles street. |
| Matthews, A. C............ | R. G. Dun \& Co...... ....... ....... | The Mercantile Age | 107 St . James street. |
| Mathews, J. E........ .... | Lymburner \& Matbews........... | Brass Founders.. | 1955a St. Oatherine street. |
| May, Frank ..... ... ...... | Thomas May \& Co. | Wholesale Dry Goods | 240 McGill street. |
| May, Gustave C........... | Thomas May \& Co................ | Wholesale Dry Goods | 240 McGill street. |
| Meakins, Charles W...... | Meakins \& Co... | Brush Manufacturers | 313 St. Paul street. |
| Meighen, F. Stephen...... | Lake of Woods Milling Co..... | Miller | 27 Board of Trade Building. |
| Meighen, Robert . . ...... | Lake of Woods Milling Co..... | Mil | 27 Board of Trade Suilding. |
| Melady, J.............. .... Meldrum, Jas..... | L. Ooffee \& Co.......... ...... ...... | Grai | Toronto, Ont. |
| Meldrum, Wm.. | William Meldram \& Cou | Commission Merchants | 32 Wellington street. |
| Meredith, H. V | Bank of Montreai.................... | Manager.. | 109 St. James street. |
| Meredith, J. S | Merchants' Bank of Ce:aada.. ... | Local Manag | 95 St. James street. |
| Metcalfe, Hy D |  | Grain Export | 201 Board of Trade Building. |
| Metcalfe, L. M............ | With Hy. D. Metcalfe............ | Grain Exporter | 201 Board of Trade Building. |
| Michaud, Alex ........ ... Miles, Henry.......... | Michaud Bros. \& Co ..... ........ | Grain Merchants | 203 Board of Trade Building. |
| Miles, Henry ............. . | Leeming, Miles \& Co...... ....... | Importers Druggists' Specialties.... | 53 St . Sulpice street. |
| Millar, William R... . .... | Robert Moat \& Co...... ...... ..... | Stock Brokers ..... ........ ...... ...... | 12 Hospital street. |
| Milloy, John J ............ |  | Tailor | 2301 St. Catherine street. |
| Mitchell, James M... ...... Mitchell, Jno ..... .... |  | Real Estat | 214 St. James street. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mitchell, Jno ...... .. } \\ & \text { Molson, H. Markland.. } \end{aligned}$ | Molsons Bank | A ccountant | 13 St. Sacrament street. |
| Molson, J. T...... ..... | J. H. R. Molson \& Bro | Assistant Manager | i 3006 St. James street. |
| Molson, J. W ......... ...... | J. W. Molson \& Co | General Insurance Agent | 101 St. Francois Xavier street. |
| Moncel, G. N...... ........ | Estate Masson. | Manager ...... | 13 St. James street. |
| Monk, C. D............... | J. S. Bache \& Co | Sto cis Brokers | 16 St . Sacrament street. |
| Montreal Elevating Co.. |  |  | 7 Place Royale. |
| Moore, T. F. | T. F. Moore \& Co | Coal and Wood | 424 Amberst street. |
| Morgan, James............. | Henry Morgan \& Co...... ......... | Dry Goods, etc | St. Catherine street. |
| Morgan, C. D. | Henry Morgan \& Co ........ ...... | Dry Goods, et | St. Catherine street. |
| Morgan, E. A. D. | Atlantic \& Lake Superior Ry... |  | 97 St James street. |
| Morin, Charles A | Morin \& Uo...... .................... | A gents | 107 St. James street. |
| Mutin, L. E | Morin \& Co | Agents | 107 St. James street. |
| Morrice, D... | D. Morrice, sons \& | Wholesale | 1875 Notre Dame street |

Wholesale Dry Goods
875 Notre Dame street.
875 Notre Canada Life Building. Chenneville street. 85 Wellington street. 71 William street 0 Wellington street. 112 Board of Trade Building St. John's, Newfcundland. 16 Beard of Trade 16 Board of Trade Building. 653 Notre Dame st 1 St. Helen street 1766 Notre Dame st 1766 Notre Dame street. St. Johns, Que.
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21 St. Helen street.
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6 Lemoine street.
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 30 St. John street.
LIST OF MEMBERS.-Continued.

| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| McCormick, J. C. | Dominion Wire M'fg. Co | Manufactur |  |
| McCrory, P | Dowinon Wire M | Coal........ | 173 Duke street. |
| McDonald, John.. ......... |  | Accounta | 107 St. James street. |
| McDougall, Alex.. | Montreal Elevating Co........... | Manager .. | 7 Place Royale. |
| McDongall, J. S... | Montreal Elevating Co |  | 196 Seigneurs street. 7 Place Royaie. |
| McDougall, Thos...... | Quebec Bank ........ | M | New York Life Building. |
| McFarlane, C. H. |  | Stock Broker | 11 St . Sacrament street. |
| McFarlane, David | M cFarlane, Son \& Hodgson....... | Wholesale St | 636 Craig street. 636 Craig street. |
| McFee Alex...... | Alex. McFee \& Co ................ | Grain Exporters...... .. ......... ....... | Board of Trade Building. |
|  | Canadian Rubber Co | Manager............... ..................... | 333 St. Paul street. |
| McGregor, Jas | Commercial UnionAss. Co.,Ltd. | Provision Me | 596 St. Paul street. |
| McGreger, J. F. |  |  | Alexandria, Ont. |
| McIntosh, Alex. |  | Cattle Dea | 319 Victoria ave. |
| McIntosh, H. E..... | Dowker, McIntosh \& Co. | Wholesale L | 70 St. Peter street |
| McIntyre, Duncan........ | McIntyre, Son \& Co. | Dry Goods | 13 Victoria square. |
| McIntyre, Wm Cassils.. | MeIntyre, Son \& Co | Dry Goods | 13 Victoria square. |
| McKay, George D........ | John Murphy \& Co | Dry Goods | Cor. St. Catherine \& Metcalfe streets. |
| McKerızie Peter... | Hudson's Bay Co...... ....... ...... |  | 43 St. Sacrament street. <br> 421 Board of Trade Building. |
| McKeown, James H |  | Contect | 370 St. A ntoine street. |
| McKergow, John........... | A. A. Ayer \& Co | Butter an | 576 St . Paul street. |
| McLagan, P. W............ <br> McLaren, D. W $\qquad$ |  | Produce | 12 St . Peter street. |
| McLaren, W. D.... | J. C. McLaren Belting | Leather Belting | 292 St. James street. |
| McLea, John B.. | J. \& R. McLea | Baking Powder.. ........ ............. | 583 St . Panl street. |
| McLea, R. Paton | J. \& R. McLea ...................... | General Merchants and S.S. Agents | 25 Common street. |
| McLean, Chas..... | McLean, Kennedy \& Co... ...... | S.S. Agents. | Board of Trade Building. |
| McLennan, Bartlett ...... | Montreal Transportation Co.. ... |  | 14 Place Royale. |
| McLennan, Duncan ..... |  |  | Lancaster, Ont. |
| McMahon, $\mathrm{F} . \mathrm{H}$ | A. Vogei \& Co ........... | Presiden | 14 Place Royale. |
| McMaster, John A | Mills \& MeMaster |  | Westm Paul street. |
| McMaster, Wm. | Montreal Roling Mills Co....... | Manage | 5 St . James street. |
| McMurtry, S. A | With W.W. Ogilvie...... . | Miller. | un |


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| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Packard, L. H. | L. H. Packard Co. | Manufacturers |  |
| Page, G. Sewell | clo Senator Paquet | Manufacturers | 162 McGill street. Quebec. |
| Parker, E. We | J. Palmer \& Son ... | Imnorte | 1747 Notre Damn street. |
| Prterson, A. T | Canada Sugar Refining Co..... A. T. Paterson \& Co... ...... ... | Refiner | 39 St Francois Xavier street. |
| Paterson, J. W..... Paterson, R. | Paterson M!anufacturing | Mannfacturers | 35 St. Francois Xavier street. <br> 47 Murray street. |
| Paterson, R. M...... . | Paterson \& Son...... Wilson, Paterson \& | Insurance. | 35 St . Francois Xavier street. |
| Prton, Hugh | Shedden Co ......... | Cieneral Me | 215 Board of Trade Building. |
| Patrick, Joseph | The Wilson Co | Coal \& Woo | Cor. Notre Dame and St. Helen streets 188 William street. |
| Patterson, John | John Dunean \& Co | Vanufacturers' A | 30 St . Francois Xavier street. |
| Patton, Jas ... | With W. W. Uvilvie | Importers of Teas | 450 St. Paul street. |
| Paul, Frank | Belding, Paul \& Co. | Silk Manufa | Cor. Port and Foundling streets. 296 St . James street. |
| Pease, E. L. ................. | Merchants Bank of Halifa | Grocer General M | 2355 St. Catherine street. |
| Peck, James H ..... .... | Peck, Benny \& Co ....... .. ..... | Manufacturers | Bell Telephone Building. <br> 320 Board of Trade Building |
| Peck. Tie, R | Peck, Benny \& Co | Manufacturera | 320 Board of Trade Building. |
| Pelton, G. S. |  | Grain Exporter | 54 St. Francois Xavier street. |
| Pentield, W A...... Penfold | Otto E. Lohrke \& Co ............ | Grain Exporters | nl street. <br> 406 Board of Trade Building |
| Penfold, J ....... ........ Pennr, E. Goff........ | Bank of British North America. | Manager .......... | 142 St . James street. |
| Peverley, 0 . | Imperial Oil Co. Lidd................ | Oils | 315 Peel street. |
| Phelps, Geo. F...... ..... | …............ | Oysters, Game, Fish, etc.. ............. | 127 Board of Trade Building. <br> 56 Victoria square. |
| Philps, H. S...... ... ...... | V. Y. Cent. \& Hud. Riv. R.R.... | Agent ....... ................ .............. | 407 Board of Trade Building. |
| Pillow, I. A..... | Morton, Phillips \& Co... | Stationers....... | 1755 Notre : ame street. |
| Pinder, John ..... | John Pinder \& Co...... ............ | Mrs. of Iron R <br> Importers | 520 Board of Trade Building. |
| Plow, George S. |  | Manufacturers, Ag | 301 St. James street. |
| Powell, W. B.. | G. N. W. Tel. Co...... ...... ...... |  | 33 Montreal Sireet Ry. Building. |
| Power, Martin. | Watson \& Todd. .... .............. | Lumber | St. Sactaricat street. |
| Prefontaine, R | Laurentian Water \& Power Co. | President | 1709 Notre Dame street. |
| Prendergast, M. | Banque d'Hochelaga | Manager | 107 St. James steeet. |
| "La Presse". |  |  | Prescott, Ont. |


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| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Robertson, I)uncan.... | Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. | Uils. | 124 Board of Trade Building. |
| Robertson, G. Ross........ | G. Ross Robertson \& Sons.. | Insurance Brokers......................... | 11 Hospital street. |
| Robertson, Farquhar..... |  | Coal Merchant... | 65 McGill street. |
| Robertson, John............ | A | Wholesale Statione | 343 St . Paul street. |
| Robertson, W. Frew...... | Andrew Robertson \& Sons......... | Manufacturers Agent............ | 523 Board of Trade Building. <br> 157 St. James street. |
| Robillard, Adoiphe ...... |  | Insurance Broker | 157 St. James street. |
| Robitaille, J. A ............. | A. Robitaille \& C | Produce | 1661 Notre Dame street. |
| Rodger, James. ........ ... | The Gault Bros. Co., | Wholesale Dry Goods | 354 St. Paul street. 21 St. Helen street |
| Rolland, J. D....... ...... | J. B. Rolland \& Fils ................ | Wholesale Stationers | 6 St . Vincent street. |
| Ronayne, E. R. P................ | Eider, Dempster \& Co...... ...... Ronayne Bros.................... | Steamship Agents Boots \& Shoes | 6 6 St. Sacrament street. |
| Root, C. I. |  |  | 2027 Notre Dame street. <br> 8 Rosemount ave., Westmount. |
| Rose, J. C. Ross-Ross D | Rose \& Laflamme................... | Manufacturers' Agents | 400 St. Paul street. |
| Ross, A. F. | Montreal Telegraph Co... ........ P. S. Ross \& Sons .............. | Secretary and Treasurer.............. | 4 St. Sacrament street. |
| Ross, D. W ......... .. | The D. W. Ross Co | Millers ....... | 1766 Notre Dame street. <br> 514 Board of Trade Building. |
| Ross, Geo. i........ ... Ross, Hy. James...... | Geo. D. Ross \& Co. | Commission Merchants | 648 Craig street. |
| Ross, James G....... | P. S. Ross \& Sons | Accountan | 180 St. James street, |
| Ross, J. W...... | P. S. Ross \& Sons...................... | Accountants | 1766 Notre Dame street. 1766 Notre Dame. |
| Ross, W. R... | W. R. Ross \& Co..................... | Real Esta | 22 St. Jchn street. |
| Routh, F. A. | Tellier, Rothwell \& Co | Manufacturers. | 24 St . Dizier street. |
| Routh, F. A. . ............... | Carbray, Routh \& J. H. Routh \& Son.. | Shipping and Coal. ............................... | 195 Commissioners street. |
| Russell, Hugh...... ........ | ........... .......... ...... ............ |  | 185 St. James street. |
| Sadler, Geo. W | Sadler \& Haworth |  |  |
| Samuel, Thos | Thos. Samuel \& Son | Commission ........................................ | 8 St. Helen street. |
| Savage, Ed. J.............. | Thompson Shoe Co. | Boots and Shoes ............................. | 712 $\frac{1}{2}$ Craig street. |
| Savage, J. G..... ${ }_{\text {Scheyer, }}$ Hermann S....... | Alf. Savage \& Son ................. | Oil Pressers, etc........................... | 168 McCord street. |
| Scheyer, Hermann S | Hermann S. Scheyer \& Co ....... | Importers and Manufacturers........... | 461 St . Paul street. |

Sclater, C. P.. Scholes, Francis Schulze, zd...... Scott A , Scott, Henry C. H.. vid
arbour Commissioners ........ "Le Moniteur du Commerce"


 H. Shorey \& Co Clothing Manufacturers

Wholesale Firriers........................ ${ }^{1870}$ Notre Dame street. 95 St . Paul street. 3 St . Sacrament street


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16 Place d'Armes aqier street. Thetford Mines, Que.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Smith, Lionel J.... | J. L. Smith \& Son ...... | Flour.............. ..... |  |
| Smith, M. B................ | W. Howe, Smith \& Co | Frour... | 1 Place Royale. |
| Smith, R. Wilson ..... <br> Smith, Wm |  | Investment Bro | 16 St. Sacrament street. 151 St. James street. |
| Smith, Wm. B..... .......... | Dominion Transport Co |  | 56 Simpson atreet. |
| Smith, Wm. Oliver. ...... |  |  | 2 Place Royale. |
| Smyth, Rhas. E.............. | H. L. Smyth \& Co | Manufacturers', Agent | 645 Mcherbrooke street. |
| Snetsinger, J. G ............. | Acme Cofiee and Spice M | Manufacturers' Agen | 206 McGill street. |
| Stanclitfe, F... .............. <br> Stanway, W | British Empire Mut. Life Ins.Co Jno. Hope \& Co | General Manag | 191 Seigneurs street. |
| "Star" |  |  | 18 St. Alexis street. |
| Starke, Geo. R........ ... | Dominion Transport C |  | 163 St. James street. |
| Stearns, Seargent P | Equitable Life Assur |  | 27 Belmont street. |
| Stephens, W. Barclay. . | Western Loan and Trust C | Manage | 157 St . James street. |
| Stepheus, G. W ........... | Western Loan and Trust | Advocate | 13 St . Sacrament street. |
| Stevenson, J. Alex. | Montreal Carriage Leather Co | Accountant.. | 1778 Notre Dame street. 260 St. James street |
| Stevenson, K. R...... | Stevenson \& Blackader............ | Hides, Leather and Oils Dry Goods | 20 Lemoine street. |
| Stewart, David ............ | With Sir W. C. Macdonald | Tobacco Merchant | 87 St. Peter street. |
| Stewart, Wm .... ........ | Kingston \& Mont. Forward.Co. | Forwarders ........ | 1736 Notre Dame street. |
| Stikeman, Harry. | Bank of British North America | General Manager | 140 St . James street. |
| Strachan, James. |  | Wholesale Lry | 373 St . Paul street. |
| Strachan, Wm. ........... | Wm. Strachan \& Co. . ............. |  | 246 Avenue Hotel de Ville. |
| Strangman, Ohas ........ Strathcona and Mount | Canadian Breweries Ltd, ......... | Brewers and Maltsters... | 40 St . Timothée street. |
| Royal, Lord | Hudson's Bay Co....... .......... |  |  |
| Stroud, F. St. G. ......... Stroud, H. Walla=z.... | W. D. Stroud \& Sons | Teas and Coffe | 420 Board of Trade Building. |
| St. Arnaud, L. N........... | St. Arnand \& Clems | Teas and Coffe | 33 St. Sacrament street. |
| Sumner, Geo...... ....... | Hodgson, Sumner \& C |  | 2 Foundling street. |
| Sutherland, Geo. A.. ..... | McKenna, Thompson \& Co ...... | Clothiers | 349 St. Paul street. |
| Sutherland, James. ...... | Verret, Stewart \& Co....... ...... | salt .... | t. James street. <br> 12 Port street. |

Tasker, James Taylor, Homer Taylor, James A. Taylor, John ............... Telfer, $H$. Ther


Thibaudean, A. A ........ Thibaudeau Bros. \& Co. .... Hamburg-Amer. Packet Co The Thompson Sboe Co Montreal Transportation Co. St. Lawrence Starch Co. R. C. Jamieson \& Co.. Watson \& Todd... David Torrance \& Co David Torrance \& Co. SS. Agents.
SS. Agents. Importers. Grain and Freight Broker Grain and Freight Brok Secretary.... ............................ 39 St. Sacrament street. Paints and Oils ............................. 452 st. Paul street

30 St. Francois Xavier street.
05 Commissioners street.
5 Commissioners street.
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| NAME. | FIRM. | BUSINESS. | ADDRESS. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Walker, John............. | Quebec Bank. | Accountant |  |
| Walsh, A. G............... |  | Insurance Ag | New York Life Building. <br> 107 St. James street. |
| Ward, Joseph.... | Joseph Ward \& | Grain, etc | 18 Rosemount ave., Westmount. |
| Wardlow, James H Ware, Richard. ..... | Wm. Ware \& Sons | Leather | 105 Commissioners street. 10 St . Helen street. |
| Ware, Wm. T... | Wovell \& Christmas | Exporters of Cheese........... | 417 Board of Trade Building. |
| Waterman, Isaac. ........ | Imperial Oil Co...... | Exporters of Cheese..... ........ Petroleum Refiners. | William street. |
| Watson, David. Watson, Hugh | Kerry, Watson \& Co | Wholesale Druggists. | London, Ont. 351 St. Paul street. |
| Watson, w. W.............. | Canada Sugar Refi | Wall Paper Manufact | Ontario street. |
| Watt, Alexander. Watt, D. A. P | H...... ............ |  | 39 St . Francois Xavier street. 173 St Antoine street. |
| Weir, William | H. | SS. Ag | ${ }_{55}$ Common street |
| White, Richard...... .... | "Gazette"Printing Co | Managing Directo | City. |
| White, Smeaton...... .... <br> Whitehead | "Gazette"Printing Co | Editor............. | Cor. Craig and St. Frs. Xavier streets. Cor. Craig and St. Frs. Xavier streets |
| Whitham, James. | Whitham Shoe Co. Ltd | Insurance Agents Mfrs. Buots and S | 185 St. James street. |
| Whitney, John E. M...... |  |  | 47 St. Maurice street. <br> 42 Shuter street |
| Wight, Norman | Wight \& Esdaile | Agent .... | Per street. <br> 36 St. Peter street. |
| Wight, R. E...... | Wight \& Esdail | Commission | 318 Board of Trade Building. |
| Wilkins, Jno... |  | Millers' Ag | 318 Board of Trade Building. |
| Williamson, Jam |  | Warehousm | 4 Prince street. |
| Wilson, James. | James Wilson \& C | Stock Brokers.. | 13 Hospital street. |
| Wilson, James | Thos. Robertson C | Mills, Ky. \& Steamship Sup Hardware..... ............. | 111 Common street. |
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[^0]:    "That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade endorses the petition of the " manufacturers of the City of Montreal to the Legislative Council at Quebec, praying that "t the second paragraph of Article 36 r of the Montreal City Char.er Bill be amended by "striking out the words ' machineryland other property so fixed or related to any building " or land as to form part of the realty,' and also the words ' the generation or.'
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[^1]:    "The Committee therefore suggests that the Government consider whether it would " not be advisable, pending the increase of C̣anadian tonnage on the lakes, to permit U.S.

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