cannot be used longer than another season, on account of the decayed condition of some of the timbers without being placed on the ways, and I would like a survey of the same by the committee on the harbor.

Since laying up the machinery, the steam tow boat Mayor has been placed upon the railway for such repairs as might be found to be absolutely necessary, it having been impossible to lay her up during the working season. Upon removing some decayed plank from the hull of the steamer, it was discovered that the stern and apron were rotten and must necessarily be taken out, and some timbers on the larboard bow found also defective, the after part of the boat on the larboard side was also found in bad condition; some new timbers had to be put in and several streaks of plank to be removed that were rotten, the after deadwood and stern post was also rotten and had to be replaced, and the repairs, in the whole were much more extensive than was contemplated; and it becomes imperative for me to say that early attention should be given to the propriety of providing for a new towboat, as at the farthest the present one cannot be relied on for more than another year without incurring great repairs in her reconstruction—and the distance the sediment taken from the harbor, has now to be carried, calls loudly for a boat of larger dimensions and increased power, as the one now in use was built when the distance she had to run was much shorter than now, and her operations regarded as an experiment, which experience has proven to have been of great usefulness, and with the increasing tonnage of the port, and the loud calls for the improving the channel of the harbor, and the operations of the commissioners, so vigorously carried on during the past year, and which will be renewed during the coming season in deepening and improving the channel of the Patapsco river will of itself be a sufficient reason why the machinery of the city should be put and kept in the very best and most efficient condition.

A portion of the hands, horses and carts have been employed in filling up the streets as per resolution No. 78 which will be completed in the course of the winter.

Ordinance No. 42 for the widening of McElderry's dock has not been complied with by the contractor.

Ordinance No. 63 has been accomplished.

Resolutions Nos. 103 and 132 have been severally carried into effect.

Four thousand one hundred cart loads of sediment have been raised and discharged as per resolution No. 220 for cleaning out Jones' falls north of Pratt street bridge.

The number of scow loads raised and discharged from the harbor amounts to three thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, equal to ninety-eight thousand four hundred and twenty-five tons.

Particular attention is desired as to the procuring of a place for the deposite of the sediment during the next season as the wharf of the Canton Company to which it has been carried for several years, has been filled up.

The total amount for the hire of the mud machines during the year, is five thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-three cents. Cash received, four thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-three cents, which has been paid over to the Register, as will appear in the abstract of receipts and expenditures for the past year, marked A.

Which is respectfully submitted,

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