

STORAGE DAMS WANTED.

J. F. Gregory Maintains That They Would Facilitate Driving on the St. John.

St. John, Aug. 14.—The St. John river commission held two important sessions here yesterday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, after which they adjourned to meet again at Van Buren on Wednesday next at 3 p.m. There were three witnesses examined yesterday, John D. Colwell, Charles Miller and J. Fraser Gregory. The evidence, although similar to that previously adduced was very important, and the session was productive of some very interesting facts concerning the conditions prevalent on the St. John river and its tributaries.

Charles Miller was the first witness examined in the afternoon. He stated that he visited the sorting works at Van Buren in the spring of 1905. There was a dam there at that time reaching from the gap back to the head of Crook Island. Messrs. Brown and Parker estimated the amount of the logs in the dam at about 40,000,000 feet.

This statement was allowed, subject to the objection of Mr. Fellows.

Mr. Miller said that his representative was there at the time. Witness knew from his own personal knowledge that there was a jam every year. In 1905 there were approximately from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 held up from three to three and a half months. If they had not been held up at Van Buren witness thought there was no question but that the logs would have gone through to the Fredericton booms, at least half of them would go on the first water. He knew some of the logs did not reach Fredericton that year until late in the fall. In 1906, at the time he was at Van Buren, the number of logs to be sorted each day varied from 500,000 feet to 2,500,000 feet. The conditions in 1907 were the same. From witness' own experience he was aware of the fact that it was as much to the interest of the lumbermen who had logs coming down the river to have everything clear at the sorting works at Van Buren. Witness was there in 1906 for the Madawaska Log Driving Co. This company had given up driving altogether and he had tried to call a meeting with the object of getting the sorting hurried along.

Mr. Fellows objected to the witness stating what had been done to call the meeting. He claimed that the records of the corporation should be produced. The commission ruled against the objection, however, and witness told of communication he had with E. B. Cunliffe, the secretary treasurer of the company, and also with William McLean. He failed, however, to secure a meeting. Manager Brown had asked him what was the matter with the Madawaska Log Driving Company's drives. Mr. Brown told him that he thought that the Madawaska Log Driving Company was working for the St. John Lumber Company, by holding back the logs to give them an opportunity of forfeiting their logs. The detention of logs at Van Buren had increased the cost of driving, as by the time the logs were cut the river was too low, consequently the extra expense.

Mr. Barnhill—"Is there anything more than the matter of expense?"

Witness—"Yes, there is the risk of losing the logs."

Mr. Murchie—"If there were no booms at Fredericton you would get your logs quicker, wouldn't you?"

Witness—"You see, we couldn't bring our logs down and let them drift."

Witness, continuing, stated that Grand Falls was not the uppermost point that they could raft logs. Fredericton would be the best place to raft logs if doing it the whole year around.

FORBIDDEN TO TOUCH THEM.

The Madawaska Log Driving Company was forbidden to touch witness' logs; nevertheless they detained a quantity of them, for which there was no settlement. Witness had correspondence with the company on the matter, but without result.

Examined by Mr. Gregory witness said that up to last year he was interested in plant run by Miller Bros., which is about the same with respect to its capacity as his private plant. About fifty hands were employed for about nine months of the year.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fellows witness said he sold his share in the Miller Bros' plant.

Mr. Fellows—"What did you sell it for?"

Witness—"I object."

Mr. Fellows—"And I think it's a very good opportunity to object."

Witness—"I'm glad it is."

Mr. Gregory objected to the question also and the commissioner sustained the objection.

Witness did not know what Miller Bros' plant was now worth. He would not consider an estimate a safe one if it were made by a person who was a manufacturer for twenty-one years.

Considerable discussion then took place as to whether or not witness

should give an estimate of the value of his own property, and it was finally decided that if he was reluctant in so doing he could not be forced to give an estimate. Witness had interests in three mills since he began a lumbering business about thirty years ago. He could not estimate the value of St. John river mills. During the last four years witness manufactured Canadian lumber only. Prior to that time both American and Canadian. In 1904 and 1905 witness went to Van Buren for himself only, and in 1906 and 1907 he was also there in the interests of the Madawaska Log Driving Co. In fact he was partly acting for them in 1905. After the rear of the corporation drive had gone by in 1904, 1905 and 1906 witness did not notice whether or not there were any logs at Crook Island.

When he was at Van Buren in 1904, or 1905, he did not know whether there were any sorting gaps on either side. Witness neither examined the sorting works closely, to tell whether or not there were gaps on either side. He went there to ascertain how quickly the logs were sorted. He was not at the sorting works, but was on the shore. He noticed that he logs were sorted to go to the mills there while the rest went down river.

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory was then recalled and re-examined by Mr. Gregory. Witness did not discuss Mr. Colwell's testimony with him, before it was taken.

"Did you discuss with Mr. Colwell the nature of the testimony he was giving?" Mr. Fellows objected, but objection was over-ruled. Witness then replied "No."

Witness produced a statement of the lumber brought down river. He had put no figures on it himself. 10, 25 pieces of logs could be safely estimated as being worth a million dollars. All logs destined for the Fredericton booms are not there now, there are logs at Van Buren held by the Van Buren Lumber company. They are now sorting them to send them over the falls, but this has not yet been completed. There is no other way of sorting logs than that used at present, but they do not do it as it could best be done by the system in vogue. No sorting, witness thought, should be done by a private company.

Any sorting done on the river should be done by some person whose reputation for fairness to all parties concerned, would be unquestionable.

The moment lumber is delayed or he jam at the sorting work increased, the matter could be easily adjusted if some independent individual were in control. The real difficulty in sorting is to know when to start. With good care in the spring there would be no congestion if the logs were properly handled. If there was a jam, the man in charge could order he logs into the other sorting works, and if a jam was then inevitable he could let them all do down river. The man in charge should be strictly independent, under the two governments. The difficulty is not with the sorting works. It is the jeepling of the logs down to the works after a congestion has taken place.

STORAGE DAMS.

Witness thought that storage dams would be advantageous if the sorting work was in the hands of an independent party. There is one now on the Allegash, which is not operated beneficially to all concerned. By the erection of one or more storage dams on the St. Francis river water could be served from the three lakes there, which would be advantageous to the sorting operations on the Temiscouata, Tobique and Allegash storage dams could also be erected to advantage. Witness thought that the dams would fill once and possibly twice, but did not think that they would permit of driving the whole year around. If the dams were free and everything would be ready driving would be possible below the Grand Falls the whole year around. The St. John River Log Driving company is a mutual corporation and operates the logs coming through the Fredericton booms. If a person not a mill owner has 75,000 feet of logs coming through the Fredericton booms, he would not be a member of the St. John River Log Driving company, nor would he be a lumberman if he only cut that amount, said the witness.

Mr. Fellows—"Then on account of his poverty he would not be a member?"

Witness—"He would not, on account of his poverty."

Witness stated that no lumberman had ever complained. His was the only complaint. Minor complaints would be dealt with by the manager at Fredericton.

At this point the session was adjourned to meet again on Wednesday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Van Buren.

John D. Colwell was the only witness yesterday morning's session of

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The St. John River Commission. His evidence chiefly related to conditions at Van Buren. He told of the big jams there in 1904 and 1905 and of the delays to the logs from this cause, which in one case amounted to two months.

He said he has had 23 years of experience on the river. He had conducted drives above Grand Falls. In his experience this section of the river was used almost exclusively for lumbering purposes, although it was navigable for small craft at certain seasons.

Witness had been at the mills of St. John Lumber Company at Van Buren. In 1904 he was there representing Geo. Cushing to see that none of his logs were sawn by mistake. He found a large jam there.

Some days later he visited the found that the jam was increasing more rapidly than they could sort the logs out.

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"Take an Eagle." Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 13.—Prof. L. Twining, head of the Department of Physics and Electrical Engineering in Los Angeles Polytechnic High School, began aerial experiments yesterday with an "Ornithopter," a flying machine with 27 foot-wings, designed to operate like those of an eagle.

Swedish Strike flattens Out.

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—The striking workmen of Sweden continue to return to work. The stevedores of Gothenburg are the latest to resume, and the foreigners taken to Gothenburg to fill their places are being returned to their homes. It is expected that the saw mill hands will be compelled shortly, through lack of funds, to return to their places. They are regaining food throughout the rural districts.

Ferry Suicide Identified.

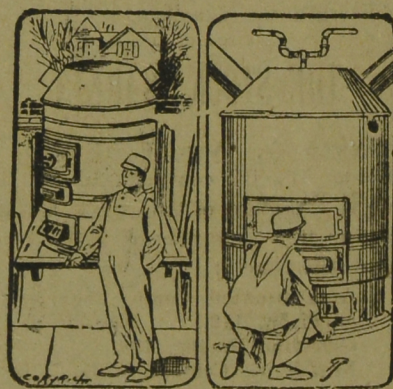
Windsor, Aug. 13.—The body of the woman who jumped from the ferry boat was yesterday identified by her parents as that of Laura Oullette, a former telephone clerk of Detroit, aged about 25. She had been mentally deranged for about a year.

Camden, N.J., Aug. 13.—Washington Amusement Park was devastated by fire yesterday afternoon, starting from an overturned pan of grease in a restaurant kitchen. The cook was fatally burned.

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Dated the twenty fourth day of June, A. D. 1909.

The Canada Loose Leaf Company, Limited, by
FREDERIC HARCOURT,
Managing Director.

June 24th mo.



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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, with their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

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Paul de Kock, seated in the orchestra,

tra, we also read, protested against his piece and made so much noise that his neighbors demanded silence. Casimir Delavigne remained at home. Alexandre Soumet went to be shaved when "Jeanne d'Arc" was produced. The barber had finished one cheek when the author cried: "Stop! Here are 20 sous. Go round to the theater and see if they hiss or applaud the piece." The barber returned, saying: "It is a success, monsieur. They applaud." "Since it is a success," replied the author, "shave the other." Scribe appeared in the best of spirits and encouraged the actors, but at the end he became nervous and tore his handkerchief with his teeth. Rossini walked about the back of the stage with his cane in his hand. Anber was never present on the first night of his works, and Bayard on reaching the stage is reported to have said that he experienced sudden illness.

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