

lumber operations extend up the St. Croix River and the same thing prevails in winter. A large portion of the lumber is cut in the winter time and a large number of the men live on the Canadian side.

*By Mr. Lister :*

233. Let me understand a little more about these mills. Your mills are on the Canadian side?—Yes; on both sides.

234. There is the St. Croix River dividing the two sides. A portion of your mill extends from the Canadian side over to the American side?—Yes. I am in charge of the mills that are held to be outside of the stream boundary.

235. So far as that mill is concerned you have to hire American workmen?—Yes.

236. You are not permitted to take over Canadian workmen to work in that mill?—No.

237. But you used to do so?—Yes; until this season.

238. Then you were permitted to run your season out last year?—Yes.

239. Who stopped you?—An American agent who was down there.

240. Was he a federal officer?—Yes.

241. What was his name?—LeBrun. He made the trouble last year, but he has been displaced and there is another man in his place.

242. Has this one taken any steps to stop you?—No, this year we have not commenced operations yet.

243. You have had no communication with the man, this year?—We have no direct communication, except that he has no instructions, except to carry out the law.

244. Last year the man you spoke of distinctly and positively refused to allow you to continue longer than that season?—There was no arrangements except he had instructions not to enforce the law unless information was laid by a reliable party.

245. Was the information laid?—Yes, several.

146. You had to discontinue it?—Yes.

247. The law was enforced?—Yes, it was enforced and two of our surveyors had to remove from the American side.

*By Mr. Taylor :*

248. I understand that the mill is in the centre of the stream?—Yes, and the approach is on the Canadian side. They have to come over to the Canadian side to get into the mill.

*By Mr. Earle :*

249. Were your mill men obliged to stop?—Yes; these surveyors that worked in Calais.

250. And the men?—They had never been obliged to stop.

*By Mr. Lister :*

251. The officer told you that the law had to be enforced?—Yes.

252. While the American Government gave the instructions not to enforce the law harshly, they gave the officer to understand that if complaints were made by responsible parties the law must be enforced?—Yes.

253. You were given notice you would have to discontinue the employment of Canadians?—Yes.

254. You did discontinue them?—Yes; a few of them last year—two surveyors

255. How is it this year?—In all probability it will be enforced more rigidly than last year.

256. You have not hired your men?—No; we have not hired our men.

257. Do you know of any of these mill owners or any of the manufacturers in St. Stephens or Calais that have been obliged to discontinue the employment of Canadians on the opposite side of the river, that have been obliged to discontinue the employment of Canadians at Calais by the distinct direction of the American officials?—Yes.

258. Who?—The St. Croix and Penobscot Railway had to discontinue men a few days before I left home.