

Q.—Then, there are more men in Quebec at your work than there is work for?
A.—Sometimes, not always.

By Mr. WALSH:—

Q.—From the time of the formation of your society, in eighteen hundred and sixty-two, did the average go about as you speak at the present time, or were they all nearly alike, before eighteen hundred and sixty-one? A.—They averaged more than they do now. There was more trade, and the ships got better freight, and there were more ships coming into the port.

Q.—Do you know of any reason for the falling off in ships coming here and discharging here? A.—I could not say what was the cause, but the trade mostly, is going out of the port of Quebec.

Q.—After eighteen hundred and sixty-one? A.—I believe there were thirty-seven, to the best of my information.

Q.—What kind of freight was it? A.—Mostly lumber.

Q.—Are there less lumber ships going from Quebec now than there used to be?
A.—I could not say—but I know that the work is getting slacker all over.

By Mr. HEAKES:—

Q.—Is there any difference in the amount of work done now from what there was in eighteen hundred and sixty-two? A.—Oh, yes; the ships are loaded quicker.

Q.—Therefore, the work must be harder? A.—Yes.

Q.—And they loaded quicker because there was better machinery, or rather more men were employed? A.—I know the men seem to work harder and load ships quicker in the shorter hours than they did in the long ones.

Q.—Is there anything else with regard to this matter, before the society was formed you wish to say? A.—No.

PATRICK MULLIN, Quebec, Ship Labourer, sworn.

By Mr. KERWIN:—

Q.—You have heard the evidence of Mr. Richard Burke? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you substantiate any part or the whole of that statement? A.—The whole of it.

Q.—Is there anything new that you would wish to add in connection with this matter? A.—Nothing that has not been touched upon. I know the reason that we got the Society up, was on account of the long hours. Then, we went to work at six o'clock in the morning, and knocked off at eight o'clock for half an hour to get breakfast. Then we knocked off again at twelve for three quarters of an hour for dinner, and after that we continued working till six o'clock, when we left off for the night.

Q.—You had no special hours had you? A.—No; they seemed to take us off and on whenever they wanted us.

By Mr. HEAKES:—

Q.—Do the men work in gangs? A.—Yes; twenty-nine for a large ship.

Q.—Are they employed by the Stevedore? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do they work for so much a ton, or so much a day? A.—They work for the Stevedore at so much a day. The Stevedore undertakes the work at so much the ship; sometimes they work for so much the tons, and sometimes by the day.

By Mr. WALSH:—

Q.—What are the other kinds of freight you handle besides lumber? A.—There is very little freight I handle besides lumber.