

I should think that the rate of the ice current does not exceed (5) five miles an hour, and this only from the giving way of the ice jam below.

I have never myself—or heard of any person else—having seen the ice on the top of the bank or near it.
Stone Fort, January, 27th 1880.

his
JAMES X FRENCH.
mark.

(Signed) JOHN SMITH, }
" JOHN HOWISTON, } Witnesses.

I, Norman Morrison, of St. Andrew parish, blacksmith, formerly in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, do make the following statement.

Have resided at or near the Stone Fort, since the year 1859 and have seen the ice break up in the river every spring during that time.

I have never seen the water rise higher than from 15 to 20 feet to the top of the bank, (l) and the highest stage of the water has generally been after the ice has gone.
(l) I think the year in which the water rose the highest was in 1861, the year of the flood.

I have never seen the ice jam at the Fort, nor any nearer than at Sugar Point three and a half miles below. (m)
(m) This is the obstruction which causes the rise at the Fort.
I have never seen the ice piled on the top of the bank nor any thing near to it.

When the ice breaks up it generally begins in the centre of the river and gradually drops to pieces.

The swiftest current at this place is about five miles an hour.

(Signed) NORMAN MORRISON.

Lower Fort Garry, }
20th January, 1880. }

John L. Smith of Dynevor, in the County of Lisgar, Province of Manitoba, makes this day the following statement :

1st. During the year 1852, I was a resident settler in North St. Andrews in this Province. Witnessed the height of water in the river that spring, and to my certain knowledge it did not reach the top of the bank at the Stone Fort by at least ten feet. (n)

(n) This level is six feet higher than the level mentioned in report 8th Dec. 1879.

2nd. That from the year 1867 to the year 1871 I was in the Hudson Bay Company's employ, at the Stone Fort, and saw the ice break up fourteen springs in succession, and can safely say that during that time I did not see any ice jam at the Stone Fort, except when brought to a stand by the ice jam at Sugar Point. I have lived in the Red River settlement for fifty-two years, and can state positively, without fear of contradiction, that during that time the water has not overflowed the banks of the rivers at the Stone Fort, nor has any other living person seen it, nor have I ever heard that it has done so. (o)

(o) Perfectly in accord with the statements made.

(p) during freshet floods.