

"obtain ample means for its accommodation without infringing upon the rights of private parties. We believe that the rights of private parties have been infringed, and we have given judgment accordingly.

"I believe I speak the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners when I say that we shall be glad to receive any application from the lumber trade setting forth how provision could be made for their accommodation either by booms or in some other way.

"I deem it my duty to make these remarks in giving this judgment, in order that the public may understand that while the Commissioners have no alternative but to carry out the law, yet they are perfectly sensible to the requirements of the lumber and timber trade of the country."

These decisions were received by the lumbermen with apparent surprise. On the 26th August, according to announcement in the newspapers, a meeting of gentlemen interested in the lumber and timber trades was held in Mr. Stanton's office, St. James Street. Mr. J. K. Ward was called to the chair, and Mr. Brown officiated as Secretary.

THE CHAIRMAN said that the meeting had been called at a very short notice, but it had been thought desirable to lay the views of the lumbermen before the Harbour Commissioners, who met to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon. To this end a delegation should be appointed to wait on the Board and represent to them the troubles and grievances under which the trade suffered by the recent decision of the Commissioners, and which deprived them of their rights on the river. They could not tell, by the decision of the Board, what rights they did possess. (Hear.) For over forty years the Montreal timber trade had been undisturbed, and now suddenly their accommodation was taken away from them, and they had no safety for their rafts. The trade had previously understood that the Board of Public Works had control of the river; but if the Harbour Board had the control, it was their duty only to protect the navigation of the river, and not the rights of private persons.

After further discussion,

Mr. John Tucker moved, seconded by Mr. J. G. Dunning: "That in view of the unexpected and sudden position taking with regard to the mooring of rafts on the shore of the St