

EXHIBIT G.

STATUTORY DECLARATION OF C. H. IRWIN.

(Copy.)

I, Charles Harrison Irwin, of the City of Port Huron, in the County of Huron in the State of Michigan, gentleman, do solemnly declare that:—

1. The statement of facts set forth and contained in the hereunto annexed paper writing marked "A" and signed by me, is true and correct.

2. The statement of facts set forth in the paper writing hereunto prefixed, marked "B," and signed by me, is also true and correct.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths."

Declared before me, at the Town of Sarnia, }
in the County of Lambton, this seventh }
day of November, A.D., 1883. }

C. H. IRWIN.

JOHN COWAN,
A Commissioner.

(Copy.)

" B "

PORT HURON, 5th November, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—As you request me to give you a full account of the manner in which I used to make up the Emigrant Reports for the port of Port Huron, I will try and explain, as well as I can, how it was done.

I was baggage-master for the Grand Trunk Railway, at Fort Gratiot, for nearly ten years, and during the latter part of that time I, at the request of the Deputy Collector in charge at Fort Gratiot, made up the Emigrant Report for him.

I was then appointed Deputy Collector of Customs at Fort Gratiot, which position I held for eight years, and during the whole of that period I made up all and every report of immigrants arriving by the Grand Trunk Railway.

You ask what method I used and what data I had to go upon, in making up the immigrant report.

I answer, none; it was simply arrived at by taking the four quarters of the year and allowing more for the summer, spring and fall quarters, than for the winter, as the ocean steamers could not land at Quebec or Montreal during the winter.

In reply to your query as to whether any attempt or pretence was made of counting the number of emigrants or passengers, I would say that I never, during my term of office, saw or heard of anything of the kind being done.

C. H. IRWIN.

G. N. MATHESON, Esq.,
Collector.

(Copy.)

" A "

I was told to estimate what I thought was the number of emigrants that arrived from all trains, &c., for the quarters ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th October, and 31st December, as each ensuing quarter came round, and was given to understand