

Q. You say they had to cut them in?—A. Cut them in.

Q. What did it cost?—A. I think the town of Midland gave \$400, and the store keepers and everybody else, including Mr. Bennett, gave something towards. It amounted altogether—the bill was I think eight hundred and some odd dollars.

Q. That was in 1906?—A. 1906 if I remember aright.

Q. How far out was the Harbour frozen at that time?—A. If you came into Tiffin and went out that way it would be four or five miles, but I should not really think it would be much over three or four miles where the boats were stuck.

Q. Three or four miles?—A. Where they were stuck. They worked the thing themselves, I believe, for three or four miles, and then the ice got very thick and they could not move any further.

Q. But where they had to be cut out was how far?—A. I would say about four miles.

Q. And that cost about how much?—A. I think it was about \$800.

Q. Was not the amount \$602?—A. No, it ran in my head about \$800.

Q. Who did the work that time?—A. Well, after they took up the subscription to do it, I think they gave the contract to a fellow named MacDougall, who worked for Mr. Pratt.

Q. Pratt & MacDougall did the work? Was not their bill \$602?—A. I don't know about their bill. It ran in my head to \$800.

Q. That was in 1906? What did you do in 1907?—A. In 1907 the Marine Association and other boat owners urged the government to keep the harbour open.

Q. Is this Marine Association a corporation that owns boats, or is it a corporation composed of boat owners?—A. It is composed of all the boat owners in Canada. Francis King is the counsel in Kingston.

Q. What did this association do?—A. I think they wrote to the government and asked them to keep the harbour open.

Q. Do you know this of your own knowledge?—A. I know it through the Marine Association.

Q. Are you a member of that association?—A. Yes, and they were asking the government to keep the harbour open.

Q. Were you at the meeting when this matter was discussed?—A. I could not say as to that.

Q. You do not remember?—A. No, but I know it was done.

Q. Did you meet Mr. Fraser in 1907?—A. When was he up in Midland? I met him. He came down and asked me about the—

Q. Did you have any conversation with him?—A. He came down and asked me about keeping the harbour open.

Q. Did you tell him what it was worth?—A. I don't know whether I told him or wrote down after he went back. I really forget that part.

Q. Did he ask you what it was worth?—A. Oh yes, he asked me what it was worth. From memory I should say he did.

Q. And what answer did you give him at that time?—A. Well, from memory, that year it was \$4,000.

Q. You said it was worth \$4,000?—A. I told him we would do it for \$4,000.

Q. Was that just a gamble for you—just a bet—or was it a decision arrived at after careful consideration of the history of previous seasons?—A. No. You see we never had it any year before. That was our first year.

Q. And did you not consider the history and the condition of the harbour in regard to ice in previous seasons?—A. I figured up when the harbour closed up, and how late the boats would run, and we had so many days, that is, we would work so many days.

Q. Working with your boats—A. Yes.

Q. How much would you consider it worth with your own boats?—A. Just from memory I figured it would take about sixteen days.