

were it not that Mr. Laporte is the only real sufferer by the delay incurred—indeed, this consideration apart, most willingly would he court such a proceeding, a fair and full disclosure of all the facts connected with the case being that which Mr. Laporte would chiefly ask. A thorough investigation of the proceedings, exposing the line of conduct systematically pursued throughout by the Messrs. Frasers, in endeavouring, by the exercise of every ingenious device at their command, without a due regard to the nice distinctions of right and wrong, to dispossess and deprive Mr. Laporte of property which was to constitute, in after life, his only means of subsistence and support, is what the latter, under other circumstances, would most earnestly and anxiously desire.

It is, however, to the Executive Government of the Province that Mr. Laporte looks up for due redress, for ample and long delayed justice, and for the full and perfect confirmation of his rights. Mr. Laporte was the first of Her Majesty's subjects, in this part of the Province, to discover and make known to Government that the right of property to all beach lots in general, on both sides of the river St. Lawrence, north and south, was vested in the Crown, and that such was situate within its domain. In the case of the Crown against Laporte, the question (then a novel one) as to the rights of Government in this respect, was originally tried, discussed, and determined. In consequence, innumerable applications, by divers of Her Majesty's subjects, have been made since that period to Government for Letters Patent to beach lots, and the revenues of the Province have been thereby considerably enriched. Yet singular and unprecedented as it may appear, Mr. Laporte is the only party-applicant to whom Letters Patent have not been granted.

In the foregoing representation of this peculiar case, it will be seen that no spirit of complaint is in any way manifested against the Government. Yet, as a loyal and true subject of Her Majesty, as being in this instance the party sufferer, and his interests made the sacrifice, Mr. Laporte would respectfully but firmly represent, that the extreme liberality and (as events have shown) misplaced indulgence evinced by the Government towards the Messrs. Frasers, in the course of these proceedings, not only unquestionably gave rise to the