

Some there are who say that documents on record in the Department, in your own handwriting, show that you constituted yourself the special advocate of that firm,—that you granted them the following special favors in connection with the Woods and Forests :—

1st. In stopping the Survey of the River Rouge, to please them and suit their interests.

2nd. In continuing it afterwards for the same purposes.

3rd. In allowing them to cut saw-logs for several years over that territory, outside the ground for which they held licenses, and for those logs charging merely the single rate of 5d. per log ; while a poor settler, if he cut logs on his own lot without a license, was charged double dues and expenses.

4th. In allowing them to change and shift about their licenses as they pleased on that river.

5th. In allowing them extensive additional timber-berths there, while other parties were refused berths.

6th. In allowing them three new berths on the River Gatineau, at a nominal bonus, while other parties were refused.

7th. In allowing them the sum of \$6,000 or \$8,000 to make improvements on the River *Jean de Terre*—a tributary of the Gatineau, on which they hold timber-berths.

All these things you have, it is said, done, in a special way, as a special advocate of special interests, and out of the ordinary rule of transacting business through the proper officer of the Department. Sir !—Many a political man has been impeached before the high tribunal of Parliament for less.

The crowning act of yours is the passing of the new Timber Regulations of the 13th June, 1866, in which you gave yourself the power to do as you pleased with the Woods and Forests of the country. Very nice regulations indeed ! How pleasant it would have been to dispose of the remainder of the Public Forests as you pleased, and leave nothing to be disposed of