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FOURTH SESSION, THIRTEENTH PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 2nd VICTORIA.

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This vessel had given up plying some time previous to that period, but as it was necessary to transport blankets and provisions for the troops, the owner, Mr. Duncan MacGregor, unhesitatingly continued her at the disposal of the authorities, which prevented her return for the winter to a place of safety, in the River Thames.

From this, and other circumstances attending the manner in which she was destroyed, Sir George Arthur is inclined to consider Mr. MacGregor's claim a strong one; and he would submit, for His Excellency's consideration, whether, in this particular instance, the funds of the Military Chest might not be made available, for the purpose of enabling Mr. MacGregor to repair his loss.

Mr. MacGregor, who is a most loyal, patriotic and enterprising man, estimates his loss at £4,250 sterling—and in the event of being compensated, proposes immediately building a new boat.

His petition is backed in the strongest manner by all the most influential and respectable inhabitants of the Western frontier, and neighbourhood of Chatham, who view the loss of the boat as a great public calamity, as to the existence of the *Thames*, is mainly to be attributed the prosperity of the town of Chatham in particular.

I have, &c.

(Signed) F. HALKETT,
A. M. S.

Colonel Rowan,
Military Secretary,

(Copy.)

WESTERN DISTRICT, }
TO WIT: } HENRY S. LARNED, of the Town of Chatham, Builder, maketh oath and saith, that he was employed by Duncan MacGregor, Esquire, in the spring of the year 1838, to repair his Steam-boat called the "*Thames*," and that the said Steam-boat then underwent a complete repair; and on a thorough examination thereof, she was found to be sound in every respect; and in this deponent's opinion, the said Steam-boat was fit for service for six years, with but little repair done therto, to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief; and this deponent further states, that he believes the expenses of the said repairs in the said Steam-boat, amounted to the sum of £400.

(Signed) HENRY S. LARNED.

Sworn before me, at the Town of Chatham,
this 2nd day of January, 1839.

(Signed) CLAUDE GOWIN,
J. P. W. D.

(Copy.)

HENRY S. LARNED maketh oath and saith, that to the best of his knowledge, a Steam-boat of the power and tonnage of the Steam-boat "*Thames*," cannot be built at this time, for less than four thousand five hundred, or five thousand pounds currency.

(Signed) HENRY S. LARNED.

Sworn before me, this sixteenth
day of January, 1839.

(Signed) J. W. LITTLE,
J. P. W. D.

(Copy.)

DUNCAN MACGREGOR, owner of the Steamer "*Thames*," maketh oath and saith, that he cannot state the exact cost of the said Boat, but that she cost three thousand five hundred pounds before she commenced running—no charge for lumber furnished from his mill, teaming of his cattle and provisions, being made: and nearly all the proceeds of her first