

alty of confiscation and fine, to mix rotten or worm eaten wood, or even spruce or fir wood.

N. B.—The length of wood has been reduced to two feet and a-half between each cut that it may be three feet from end to end, by another ordinance of the said Upper Council, of the first of October, 1749 ; and by a regulation of the 11th of May, 1676, it is enacted, that a cord of fire wood shall measure eight feet long and four feet high.

UNDERTAKERS AND LABOURERS.—The 19th article of the ordinance of the 7th June, 1727, regulates that all masters of trades shall be exempted from paying in whole or in part the day's labour that shall have been abandoned or interrupted without a lawful excuse, at whatever hour of the day the same shall have happened, and also from paying any part of a bargain that shall not have been entirely performed, unless there be a lawful excuse, and from paying the salary to any labourer or journeyman hired by the month or by the year, who shall ask for his discharge before the expiration of his engagement. It is forbidden to demand or give in advance on any bargain, more than one-eighth of the price, under pain, in case of a repetition of not being attended to, and of losing what surplus shall have been given.

HIGHWAYS.—Orders were given to the Sieur de Bécancour, Grand Voyer, by a regulation of the Upper Council, of the first of February, 1706, to repair to all the Seigniories where the highways had not been regulated, to regulate them in concert with the proprietors, and to make them at least twenty-four feet wide ; enjoining the inhabitants, each on his own account, to render them perfectly passable, and to finish the days' labour (*corvées*) to make the bridges where they should be required.

By an ordinance of Mr. Randot of the 18th of June, 1709, it was enacted, that the seigniors, as well those who are absent as present, shall be held to make the roads and fences, with ditches where they shall be required, through the whole of their domain, in which shall be comprised, the unconceded lands, reserving to them the right of being reimbursed the expenses of the said roads, fences and ditches when they shall concede their lands.

The Seigniors are likewise bound to make the twelfth part of the roads leading to their seigniorial mills.

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