

Memo. *Re* Ferries.

Buffalo and Pt. Albinot Ferry—Lease expired on 1st May, 1896. Not re-leased.

Buffalo and Shisler's Point Ferry—Lease cancelled by Order in Council of 10th January, 1896. Not re-leased.

Edmunston and Maine Ferry—Lease expired on 1st July, 1895. Not re-leased.

St. Leonards and Van Buren Ferry—Lease expired on 1st May, 1896. Not re-leased.

Rent of \$200.00 due by L. C. Raymond, remitted by Order in Council of 7th May, 1897.

Rent of \$20.00 due by R. J. D'Aigle. Lessee refused to pay in the face of a judgment rendered by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

Rent of \$1.00 due by J. E. Whelan—Lawyers claimed to have sent the money, but it never reached the department.

Rent of \$30.00 due by James Malley—Lessee refused to pay in the face of a judgment rendered by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick.

Rent of \$75.00 due by P. Mansfield—Remitted by Order in Council of 26th March 1897. The ferry boat having been burnt.

Rent of \$50.00 due by Wm. Power—Written off by Order in Council of 7th May, 1897.

It is not the rule of the department to re-lease a ferry when the lease expires, there is nothing compulsory in the law.

WM. HIMSWORTH, *Secy.*

AUDIT OFFICE, OTTAWA, June 23, 1897.

SIR,—I have received your letter of the 18th instant, inclosing a memo. in reference to ferries.

You have not explained why the four ferries, the leases of which had expired, had not been renewed or re-let to others; nor did you state that any inquiry had been made as to whether the ferries at these places are now operated.

What further action do you purpose taking on the judgment of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick? I would like to have particulars as to the proceedings in this case. Are ferry licenses not payable in advance?

You did not give the information asked for as to the ferry between Windsor and Detroit.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

J. L. McDOUGALL, *A.G.*

DEPT. OF INLAND REVENUE, OTTAWA, July 22, 1897.

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction, to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23rd ult., asking additional information to that forwarded on the 18th June, and in reply to transmit herewith a memo. with the information *re* ferries, asked for.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

The Auditor General.

WM. HIMSWORTH, *Secy.*

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the inquiry from the Auditor General relative to certain ferries, I beg to say that the leases of the four following ferries expired or were cancelled, viz. :—

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| Buffalo and Point Abin (or Albinot) | 1st May, 1896 |
| Buffalo and Schisler's Point' | 10th Jan., 1896 |
| Edmundston and Maine | 1st July, 1895 |
| St. Leonards and Van Buren | 1st May, 1896 |