

see by the public papers, this gentleman has been subjected to an enquête for attempting to thwart the "Napoleon Warf" swindle, when a certain committee of that city had coolly proposed to pay the proprietors \$1,250.00 a year for a right of way across said wharf, equivalent, capitalized at 5 % to \$25,000.00 as the Quebec City Engineer showed by his letter to the *Chronicle*, not less than \$10.14 a sup. ft. in a vicinity where, when Dalhousie street was opened 20 years ago, at a time that real estate worth twice what it is at present that the shipping has fallen off by 75 % of its quondam figure, was paid for at only \$2.50 the foot with good stone stores thereon erected.

"And again Judge Andrews gave a certain other committee a wiper as McDougall had done at Toronto, when he granted in a recent expropriation case on the new line of aqueduct only \$60.00 and costs as we see by our Quebec exchanges, where the ground had already been paid for 40 years ago, reported on by the engineers as worth \$200.00 at the outside, and where the committee recommended \$1,560.00, which fortunately for the tax payers, missed fire in the Council."

ADDENDA. — To bring the subject of this paper up to date, the author would call on the profession to have it enacted that, as with doctors, lawyers, notaries; architects, and engineers have the right to testify in court on their own claims for payment of services rendered; many cases of the grossest injustice having obtained on the mere denial of the defendant: either that the work sued for had been done, or that if so, the defendant had never asked or instructed the plaintiff to do anything of the kind; and only two years ago, the writer, in this way, was