

it to the sawdust. She gets hot occasionally, while lying at the wharf here particularly.

SYDNEY SMITH called and examined.

*By Honorable Mr. Clemow :*

Q. You are a resident of Ottawa. A. Yes.

Q. And you are connected with the Rowing Club here? A. Yes.

Q. Do you know anything of this sawdust question? A. No, only in relation to boating. I have been connected with the Rowing Club for 20 years.

*By the Chairman :*

Q. Will you state what was the condition of the river when you knew it 20 years ago as compared with what it is now? A. It is very nearly the same now as it was then, as far as the sawdust is concerned. We suffered from refuse on top of the water then as we do now, but I do not know that it is an insurmountable obstacle to boating. Of course we boat in open water and do not have occasion to go into the bays to any great extent. The river certainly would be very much better for us if the sawdust were not thrown into it and did not accumulate in the bays. We sometimes suffer inconvenience at the boat house, which is situated in the bay at the mouth of the lock. We find there sometimes, when the wind prevails for the north-west, that it is very difficult to get out. The sawdust floats in in large quantities and makes it difficult to take a boat through it.

*By Honorable Mr. Clemow :*

Q. Do your boats ever sustain any injury by coming in contact with floating mill refuse? A. We suffered damage more from stray sawlogs and stumps and things of that kind.

Q. Do you suffer any from mill refuse? A. Yes, to some extent from mill refuse.

Q. I have been told that some of your boats have been damaged and broken by slabs? A. They have not been broken from that cause. We have come in contact with sawlogs and stumps, and oars have been broken, and some of the valuable racing boats have been damaged in that way.

*By Mr. Christie :*

Q. When the sawdust blows into the bay here, a change of wind will take it out again into the channel? A. Certainly; we do not suffer great inconvenience at all times.

Mr. CHRISTIE states to the Committee that he has two more important witnesses whose evidence is necessary to complete the case for the lumbermen, and asks that the Committee postpone their report until they are heard. If further evidence were taken the lumbermen would be in a position to show that the navigation of the river was not at all injured by the sawdust going into the river. He asked that the Committee should take a note of his request that the mill owners desire to give further evidence before the Committee report to the House.