

Lake St. Louis. A considerable sum would be required to erect piers and booms to protect the rafts were they left here. There is also a bay a short distance below the mouth of the Chateauguay river, on the south side, which would be very suitable for keeping rafts in; and the shore being in a state of nature the presence of rafts at that place could not give cause of complaint to any one; but they would not be so convenient to market, as they would require to be towed across the river by steamboats.

The Montreal *Herald*, 28th August:

THE RAFT GRIEVANCE AT ST. ANN'S.—A meeting of those interested in the Ottawa lumber trade was held in this city yesterday, at which Mr. J. K. Ward presided. The following resolution was passed:—“That in view of the unexpected and sudden position taken with regard to the mooring of rafts on the shore of the St. Lawrence at and above Lachine, under the now apparent jurisdiction of the Board of Harbour Commissioners, the following gentlemen present be a deputation to wait on the said Board to represent the serious grievance that exists under such a sudden change of affairs from the practice heretofore enjoyed for over forty years, and to request that no further action or interference shall be taken until the case is represented to the Government, especially as it is understood that the Harbour Commissioners are not at present prepared to give the lumbermen a proper place of safety for their very extensive business—the said committee to consist of Messrs. J. K. Ward, Jas. Shearer, J. G. Dunning, J. W. McGavran and B. Grier. It was claimed that the Harbour Commissioners had deprived these gentlemen of their rights on the Ottawa River. Evidently the impression prevails that the residents of St. Ann's, Dorval and Lachine have no rights. We sympathize with the trade in having no suitable arrangements made to receive their rafts when they wish to anchor at the places named; but residents on the banks of the river on that account should not be subjected to such annoyance, which, it is admitted, has lasted for 40 years. The fact is, no community should for a moment be compelled to tolerate the offences which raftsmen have been guilty of, to the knowledge of the writer, for years. They destroy trees; behave indecently—for instance, strip and bathe within a few yards of the road—and when remonstrated with, residents are met with all kinds of insults. One or two owners plead that they know