

or road would be always washed away by the tide, except in bays where the water did not reach and the whole place looked very miserable indeed. The persons living in these shanties were labourers of the poorest class who worked in the Coves in the neighbourhood. It was some time before 1829 that there was a road made to pass with vehicles on the site where Champlain street is now.

It was after Laporte settled there that the road was first made. This road was called Laporte's road. After which in the year 1829, Mr. Larue, Land Surveyor, and myself, being in partnership, were employed by Commissioners appointed by the Government to lay out several roads, for the improvement of which, money had been voted. We were so employed to survey among other roads, the road in question, through Cap Blanc. This part of the road now forming Champlain street was laid out by Mr. Larue and he extended his survey to the Coves. It was I who gave the name of Champlain street to the locality as in the discharge of my duty as Road Surveyor. I put up that name upon boards in the street, and I did so because it is a continuation of an old settled part of this City known as Champlain street. Since this time Champlain street has become a great thoroughfare of the City and the traffic increases there every day. I know the property on the north of the blue line at Cap Blanc, and I know that some parts of this property has access to Champlain street, and I know that the persons in the houses through which the blue line passes have access to the street as a public highway, and this is a matter of fact; and the fact is that all the houses in that locality on the North side of Champlain Street have access to it; in fact they face upon it, with the exception of one or two at the West end. The building of wharves upon that locality would certainly improve the property on the North side of Champlain street and on the South also, by increasing the traffic, and would thus improve it on the North side of the street as well as upon the South.

Being shown the Letters Patent in this cause I filed can state that the first lot thereby granted is from the Blue Line to low water mark and the second lot thereby granted is between low water and a line in deep water called the Commissioners line, that is, a line fixed by Government Commissioners to settle a line for the port of Quebec. I have read over the conditions set forth in the said Letters Patent and which are thereby made obligatory upon the Defendant, such as, the building of wharves &c. I have also read the reservations therein contained and also, in particular the reservation following, "Provided always
" and we do hereby reserve to Us our Heirs and successors and to all our liege
" subjects in the respective benefit and advantage from time to time and at all
" times hereafter of their respective will and pleasure by night and by day to go,
" return, pass and pass through along and over the aforesaid described lots or
" pieces of ground and over any wharf or wharves erected or to be hereafter erected
" for the purpose of towing-boats, barges, rafts, scows and other vessels up and
" down the river St. Lawrence when and so often as they shall have occasion so
" to do," and also the reservation as follows: "We do hereby reserve to us our
" heirs and successors a free public road or highway of a breadth not exceeding
" thirty six feet through such parts of the said premises hereby granted as are
" lying and being on the border of the river St. Lawrence; to wit, between high
" and low water mark, where the said road may be most advantageously laid out
" for the public use and convenience," and also the reservation to Her Majesty,
" her heirs and successors of "full power right and authority upon giving twelve
" months previous notice to the said Defendant, his heirs and assigns in possession
" of the said lot or piece of ground, beach and premises to resume for public
" improvements the possession of the said lots or pieces of ground, beach and
" premises or any part or portion thereof on the payment to him the said
" Defendant, his heirs and assigns, of the consideration money in the said Patent
" mentioned, or part thereof, as the case may be, and on payment to him or them
" of a reasonable indemnity in that behalf for the ameliorations or improvements.