

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES,
FISHERIES BRANCH,

OTTAWA, 28th January, 1878.

SIR,—Reverting to an order given to you under an Order in Council of 26th March, 1877, and to your subsequent report concerning the Ottawa mills, as also to the subject of interviews between yourself and the Minister, and conferences with the mill-owners, I am now to instruct you that the Government have decided on requiring certain alterations in these mills, such as may insure the better observance of the law as affects mill-rubbish other than sawdust. These alterations are specified in the accompanying copy of the circular addressed to mill owners, subject to such modifications or other changes as you may find necessary. The Minister desires you to see that these alterations are made in a satisfactory manner and in due time, under your own superintendence, and that you will inform the Department of the progress made in each instance.

Whenever it shall appear from your reports that these requirements have been fulfilled, the Minister will be prepared to recommend to the Governor General in Council the issue of a proclamation exempting the mills in question from the operation of the Act 36 Vic., cap. 65, as respects sawdust.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. F. WHITCHER,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

JOHN MATHER, Esq.,
Ottawa.

RICHMOND ROAD,
OTTAWA, 16th April, 1878.

SIR,—Referring to your instructions to me dated 28th January last, relative to certain alterations in sawmills, to insure the better observance of the law as affects mill rubbish other than sawdust, I beg leave to report that I have been at nearly all the mills from time to time, and have examined and shewn what is required to be done. I expect to be able to report soon that the alterations of some are complete. Several will not be opened for sawing till late in the summer; they are also likely to have the necessary changes made in good time.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN MATHER.

W. F. WHITCHER, Esq.,
Commissioner of Fisheries.

OTTAWA, 15th January, 1879.

SIR,—Referring to your instructions to me dated 28th January, 1878, relative to certain alterations required by your Department to be made on saw mills on the Ottawa and its tributaries, to ensure the better observance of the law as affects mill rubbish other than saw-dust, and which I was desired to see properly carried out, you had a report from me dated 16th April last, stating the progress then made, and I have the honour now to report further as follows, viz :—

That Messrs. McLymont & Co., New Edinburgh,
Messrs. Jas. MacLaren & Co., do
Messrs. Sherman, Lord & Co., Hull,
E. B. Eddy, Esq., do
J. R. Booth, Esq., Ottawa,
Messrs. Perley & Pattee, Ottawa,
Levi Young, Esq., do
Messrs. Bronson & Weston do
Messrs. Gilmour & Co., Chelsea,