

claration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Act respecting extra judicial oaths.

(Sgd.) "WM. H. BALDWIN,
"Ship-builder, Quebec."

"The said solemn declaration was taken before the undersigned by the said William Henry Baldwin, at the Court-House, in the city of Quebec, this twenty-sixth day of February, 1891.

{ L. S. } (Sgd.) "FISSET, BURROUGHS & CAMPBELL,
"Prothonotary of the Superior Court
for the District of Quebec."

"I, Archibald Campbell, of Thornhill, in the parish of St. Colomb, de Sillery, one of the joint Prothonotaries of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec for the district of Quebec, do solemnly declare that, on or about the fourteenth day of February last past, I wrote a letter to James Gondie, ship-builder, asking for information respecting the steamship 'Royal William'; and on about the twenty-third day of the same month and year I received an answer thereto, the letter hereto attached, and at the foot thereof for identification I have written the following in red ink: 'This is the letter I refer to in the annexed solemn declaration taken by me this twenty-first day of March, 1891.'

(Signed) "ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL."

"And I do further solemnly declare that I showed the said letter to William Henry Baldwin, of Quebec, ship-builder, on the twenty-sixth day of February last past, and that the same is the one referred to in his solemn declaration taken at Quebec, before Fisset, Burroughs & Campbell, P. S. C., on the day and year last mentioned.

"And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the 'Act respecting extra judicial oaths.'

(Sgd.) "ARCHD. CAMPBELL."

*"The said solemn declaration was taken before the undersigned by the said Archibald Campbell, at Quebec, this twenty-first day of March, 1891.

(Signed) "A. B. ROUTHIER,
"Judge Superior Court."

"I, Joseph Wilson Henry, of the city of Quebec, founder, aged 76 years, do solemnly declare that in the year 1831 I was present at the launch of the steamship 'Royal William' in the cove generally known as Cape Cove, owned at the time by Mr. John Saxton Campbell, merchant, who, with Mr. George Black, built the said steamship for a company, to trade between Quebec and Halifax. The launching was a great event in Quebec and attracted an enormous concourse of people; the regiments stationed in the city provided the bands; the shipping in port lent their bunting, and Lady Aylmer, the wife of the Governor General, honoured the scene with her presence and christened the vessel after the reigning sovereign, William the Fourth.

"I knew perfectly well Mr. James Gondie; he was the son of that Mr. Gondie, ship architect, who constructed the navy on the Upper Canada lakes in the war of 1812, and was born in Quebec; but, about the age of 15 years, left to study his

*Original in the archives of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.