

as to the true construction of the Statutes as in the case of Mrs. Ryan.

Mr. Donovan himself filed a protest substantially in the same terms as that of Mrs. Ryan.

As stated above, paragraph 16, Mr. Donovan sold a portion of the same block of land to the Federal Government in 1877 for the sum of \$1.10 a foot, and, in the same year, Mr. J. H. Joseph sold a portion of the adjoining land to the Government at \$1.25 per square foot—nearly double the price allowed Mr. Donovan now by the majority of the Commissioners, though the pieces then taken were further removed from the Bridge than that now sought to be acquired, which is the nearest piece of private property to the ~~North~~ side of the Wellington Bridge. There is no proof of a decrease in values of land near the Canal: on the contrary, there are abundant instances of increases.