

BAY OF ISLANDS, *March 21.*

A general meeting of inhabitants has been called for Monday, to indignantly protest against the action of British and French Governments *re* lobster factories. Five factories have been established, and five new ones are building. Numbers of men and women have been shipped, material prepared, and considerable expense gone to generally. Orders have been accepted for spring supplies. We will use every effort in defence of our rights as British subjects.

## I.

### AN INSTRUCTIVE MEMORIAL.

THE MEMORIAL OF SAMUEL STILLMAN FORREST AND GEORGE SHEARER, OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, MERCHANTS,

*Humbly sheweth—*

1. That your memorialists are British subjects, the said Samuel Stillman Forrest having been born in Nova Scotia, and said George Shearer having been born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and carry on business at Halifax and elsewhere under the name and style of Forrest & Co.

2. That in the year 1882 your memorialists erected and equipped a lobster catching and canning establishment at St. Barbe on the north-west coast of Newfoundland aforesaid; in the year 1883 they erected and equipped another lobster catching and canning establishment at Port Saunders on said coast; in the year 1884 they erected and equipped another lobster catching and canning establishment at Brig Bay on said coast, and in the present year they erected and equipped another lobster catching and canning establishment at John Meagher's or Bartlett's Harbour on said coast. The cost of erecting and equipping said establishments or factories, and supplying them with suitable lobster-traps, cars, boats, smacks, and other appliances and gear necessary for the purpose of conducting your petitioners' operations at said factories (apart altogether from the cost of necessary supplies therefor) amounted to upwards of \$20,000. There were no houses or buildings of any kind at Port Saunders at the time your petitioners erected their said factory there, and no fishermen, either French or English, had been in the habit of fishing there, or visiting that place for fishing purposes, for many years before the erection of said factory as aforesaid. The French fishermen were not in the