

INTRODUCTION.

The object of this Memorial is to make clear, as a matter of justice, the need of remedial legislation in behalf of Edward Spencer Jenison. Without this action by the Legislature, the Province of Ontario must be placed in the attitude of desiring to take from Mr. Jenison without compensation the results of eight years of useful toil, and many thousands of dollars of invested property.

This Memorial is accompanied by four official documents, explanatory and justificatory, in the hope of making the case of Mr. Jenison more clear and convincing to the honorable gentlemen addressed, and to the public. These documents will be often referred to:

EXHIBIT A.

The first of these documents is a copy of Chapter 126, 60 Victoria, assented to April 13, 1897, entitled "An Act to enable Edward Spencer Jenison to develop and improve a water privilege on the Kaministiquia River," et cetera. Upon this Enactment, which was passed without time-limit Mr. Jenison based his subsequent labors and investments, although, as will be shown, interests that were hostile to Mr. Jenison succeeded in the incorporation into that act of sections that were unfair to him and prejudicial to the public service.

EXHIBIT B.

The second of these documents is a copy of Chapter 120, 62 Victoria (2), assented to March 29, 1899, entitled "An Act to amend the Act to enable Edward Spencer Jenison to develop and improve a water privilege on the Kaministiquia River, and to extend the provisions thereof." This Enactment was passed at the instance of Mr. Jenison, but active opposition on the part of the same rivals resulted in amendments prejudicial to the accomplishment of Mr. Jenison's plans, and other action was taken in the cities affected looking to the unjust embarrassment of the Jenison interests. Incorporated with this law are copies of the separate agreements made and voted favorably upon between the people of the cities of Fort William and Port Arthur on the one side and Mr. Jenison on the other side. It will be shown in this Memorial that the Mayor of Port Arthur defaulted in his duty of signing the agreement after the voters had given it their sanction.

EXHIBIT C.

The third of these documents is a copy of an Enactment entitled "An Act respecting the Town of Fort William, 1902," assented to March 17, 1902. Under this misleading caption the