

How many pieces of timber is one culler able to measure in one day?—It is according how the timber is rafted. To measure about twelve hundred pieces of Ottawa square timber in one day is a fair day's work. Of St. Lawrence timber, I think from three to four hundred pieces is a good day's work.

What suggestions have you to make with reference to the system of rotation, and if cullers should be paid a fixed salary?—To give the cullers an independent position they should be paid a fixed salary, and still retain the system of rotation. If cullers were paid by fees I would still be in favor of the rotation system.

What are the cullers expenses per day?—A culler's expenses per day are about seven dollars, that is, including assistant's wages, and all expenses.

What is your opinion as to a Board of Survey?—With reference to a Board of Survey, I have no objection to the present system.

Have you any reason to give for being in favor of retaining the system of rotation?—I believe that the open list system would be inducive to competition. I have been offered by an Ottawa lumber man to go and work for him all winter for nothing, and he would give me 300,000 feet of lumber to measure in one turn.

Are you permitted to measure more than one raft in one turn, according to office rules?—Under the rules of the office we cannot measure more than one raft in one turn.

What quantity of timber is usually brought from Ottawa to Quebec in one raft?—From 100,000 to 150,000.

Has the Department of cullers been interfered with in the execution of the law, in regard to the rotation system, and by whom?—Two rafts belonging to one man arrived at Quebec, and a culler, on requisition, proceeded to measure them. Mr Quinn having heard of his intention to measure the two rafts, ordered him to return his books to the office as soon as he finished one raft. Shortly afterwards, instructions arrived from the Government at Ottawa ordering the Supervisor to permit the culler to measure the second raft. This I learned from the cullers.

(Signed,) ELIE NOEL.

*Mr. W. G. Perley gave the following evidence:—*

Do you consider the number of cullers now on the Supervisor's staff sufficient, or more than sufficient for the efficient performance of the duties pertaining to the office?—I consider the staff too large, about half too large from my experience.

In what manner would you suggest that the number of cullers should be reduced?—I would say according to incapacity and infirmities.

What remarks have you to make with reference to the character and ability of the cullers respectively?—There are quite a number incompetent. I would not like to have them measure for me. I do not know how many. There are several not competent.

What suggestions would you make with reference to the staff inside the office?—I am not posted as to the staff inside the office, but have no reason to complain of any delay or inattention there.

What is your opinion as to a Board of Survey?—I consider that an independent Board of Survey is needed, to be composed as follows:—The Board of Trade at Quebec to appoint one of the members, the Board of Trade at Ottawa another, and the Supervisor of Cullers to be the third.

What suggestions would you make with reference to the rotation system?—I do not approve of the system of rotation under any circumstances. I hold that the office should not be a source of revenue, but self-sustaining, and under the control of the Government.

(Signed,) W. G. PERLEY.