

Mr. Donovan said he must protest against the dog in the manger proceedings of some of the land owners above Lachine. The interests of the trade were too important to be obstructed by a few city gentlemen who had bought summer residences on the banks of the St. Lawrence.

Mr. Shearer said he had a raft at present lying at the shore opposite the property of Benjamin Décairy. He had obtained the permission of Mr. Décairy for leaving it there, but as it was above the property of Mr. Girouard, that gentleman had complained that the presence of the raft rendered the water unfit for use, and had ordered him (Shearer) to have it removed. He had also another raft lying below the G.T.R. wharf at Lachine, and a hotel keeper in the vicinity wanted it removed, as his boarders—who paid \$60 per month for their accommodation—objected to the smell arising from the raft.

Mr. Young thought that the case was so urgent that they ought to provide accommodation for the trade at once. There would be no expense on the Commission as the trade were willing to pay a fair remuneration for the use of the booms.

Mr. McLennan said that a representation from the Board to the Government ought to obtain the necessary relief.

It was stated by the deputation that several representations had been made to the Government of the state of the case, but had met with no response.

Mr. Donovan thought that a joint deputation from the Board of Harbour Commissioners and the Lumber Trade, to the department of Public Works would succeed in securing the required aid. He would move that Mr Young, Mr Cramp and Mr McLennan be a deputation to act with a similar number from the lumber interest.

Mr. Young said he found that by law the Board had no power to expend money on improvements outside the harbour. He supported the motion for a delegation.

Mr. Donovan's name was substituted for Mr McLennan's.

The lumbermen appointed Messrs Ward, McGauvran and Shearer as their Committee.

These proceedings attracted considerable attention from the press. The *Montreal Witness*, 27th August, said:

RAFTS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE.—The lumbermen have suddenly discovered that what they have been in the habit of con-