

the river?" A—"No, none whatever. The first time I went up I went in after night." Q—"What is your opinion of the Kaministiquia as a harbor?" A—"I think it is a splendid harbor." Q—"How are the facilities for dockage? Does the character of the bank afford an opportunity for building docks readily?" A—"I think so. The banks are good up at the railway station, I know they are." Q—"What is your opinion of it as compared with Prince Arthur's Landing for a harbor and dockage?" A—"I would not consider Prince Arthur's Landing a harbor at all; it is a mere dock on the bay."

James McMaugh, Captain of the propeller Sovereign, called and sworn: Q—"Will you give us your experience of the two places as a desirable harbor for vessels?" A—"I do not think there is any comparison at all. We know that Prince Arthur's Landing is no harbor as it is, and the Kaministiquia is one of the best harbors on the whole chain of lakes, in my opinion. You are sheltered there from wind from all quarters. They have no effect whatever on it." Q—"What number of vessels do you suppose the Kaministiquia is capable of receiving and allowing to unload?" A—"You could get a large fleet of vessels in there." Q—"Do you know the nature of the soil on the banks, whether it will be very easy to widen particular points on the river?" A—"I do not think there would be any trouble." Q—"What would be your opinion of the requirements of Prince Arthur's Landing to make it equal to the Kaministiquia? Are you a civil engineer?" A—"I am civil engineer enough to know that it would require a good deal of money. I doubt very much if the Dominion has enough to make the harbor there as safe as the Kaministiquia."

James B. Symes, Captain of the steamer Manitoba, called and sworn:

Q. Give me your experience of the times in the spring and fall that you have been up there, taking from 1869?—I have kept a log ever since I ran up Lake Superior, and before coming down here I took a list of the first and last trips from the ship's log, which is as follows:—

ABSTRACT OF SHIP'S LOG.

"1869. Arrived at Thunder Bay, May 18th. Bay full of ice. No ice in the river. Left Thunder Bay, November 4th. No ice in Bay or river."

"1870. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 8th. No ice in Bay or river. Left November 7th. No ice in bay or river."

"1871. Left Thunder Bay, November 27th. Ice making very fast in bay. River frozen; 22 below zero."

"1872. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 18th. Could not get to the landing for ice; landed passengers in small boats 1½ miles east of Prince Arthur's Landing. River clear of ice. Took in nine cords of wood from Fort William out to the steamer in H.B.C. Schooner. Left November 15th; no ice in bay or river."

"1873. Arrived at Thunder Bay, May 12th. Bay full of ice from Thunder Cape to Welcome Islands, but clear from Welcome Islands to Prince Arthur's Landing. No ice in the river. Left November 13th; no ice in Bay or river."

"1874. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 16th. Ice from Thunder Cape to Welcome Islands; clear from Welcome Island to Prince Arthur's Landing. River clear of ice. Left October 13th; no ice in Bay or river."

"1875. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 23rd. Bay full of ice from Thunder Cape to Prince Arthur's Landing; solid ice east of Welcome Islands clear to the west ("Chicoira") lying at anchor at the mouth of the Kaministiquia, landing his passengers in small boats at Fort William. She could not get to the landing for ice. Left October 5th; no ice in bay or river."

"1876. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 19th. Bay full of ice from Welcome Islands to Prince Arthur's Landing. Went up the river and discharged load at Fort William and returned to Sarnia. Left November 1st; no ice in bay or river."

"1877. Arrived in Thunder Bay, May 21st; no ice in bay or river. Left October 20th; no ice in bay or river."

Q. Have you had any experience of Prince Arthur's Landing in stormy weather?—Yes; I have been calling at Prince Arthur's Landing before and ever since it has been a landing.

Q. Have you had any experience of gales there? Yes; I have been there in all sorts of weather.

Q. Give us your experience of its attractions as a harbor?—I had to leave it twice and run to Welcome Islands to come to anchor; once in the fall of 1873.