

Q. Do you remember making an agreement with Mr. Ostell and Mr. Bourret about some power in October, 1851, about six months after the sale? A. No.

Q. Did Mr. Ostell make an agreement between you and Mr. Bourret about October, 1851. That would be about five or six months after the sale? A. No; these things were done very quietly.

Q. Do you remember making an agreement with Bourret and Ostell to get some water for dock purposes? A. Oh! no. We made an agreement with Mr. Gilbert down at the lower reach to use some water there for dock purposes and sent it into the sewer right to the river.

Q. And you bought that from Mr. Gilbert? A. Yes.

Q. How much water was it? Well, it was looked upon as the same quantity, as they had a right for, one run of stone.

Q. And you paid Gilbert for that? A. Yes, I don't remember whether it was Gilbert and Barclay, or Mr. Gilbert alone. It was with Mr. Gilbert I dealt with. Then that was ratified in Quebec by the Commissioners of the Public Department, that one run of stone that I bought.

Q. What size water wheels are you using? A. I am using one "Leffel," and one "Hercules," my Leffel is seventy two inches, and the Hercules I cannot tell you, but I think it is sixty horse power it is called or something like that. It is a small wheel.

Q. You don't remember the size? A. No, I could get you the size.

Q. Your Leffel wheel drives your saw mill? A. Yes.

Q. And the Hercules? A. It drives the woollen mill. I have not enough power. The Leffel can only drive one saw.

Q. Has the Hercules power enough? A. It has enough power for the factory, yes.

Q. Before you put in the Hercules, did you drive them both off the Leffel? A. Yes, but we had not power enough for either.

Q. Do you know what height of water you have? A. It is about 8 feet, not more than that. I don't know if there is that. The tail-race is so small there is a good deal of back water. I don't think we get eight feet.

Q. Can you give us any idea of the value of land there per foot that is used for water-powers, yours or the others, that is used direct with the water-power, apart from the lease freehold? A. Yes, the land is pretty valuable there on account of that water-power. I should think it would not be worth less than \$1 a foot.

Q. That is, what is used in connection with the water-power. A. Yes.

Q. What would it be worth without the water-power, if there was no water-power? A. I suppose it would scarcely be worth half of that. From 40 to 50 cents per foot. It would scarcely be worth 50 cents just now.

Q. Can you give us the number of hands you employ connected with the water-power and dock? A. Well, at the saw mill I suppose there are about twelve or fifteen men altogether. It varies, sometimes thirty, and sometimes more, very often less, say thirty hands would be a fair average.

Q. And then there is your finishing shop? A. Well, the shop goes by steam power. Pretty much all I use for the dock is steam power, and connected with the dock is steam power.

Q. Do you know how many hands they use in the factory? A. They have not used many hands. I suppose they have got there not over twenty altogether.

Q. Is that the woollen factory? A. Yes. They manufacture linings for ropes, and things of that sort. First of all it was to be a sealette manufactory, but it is more than that anything else.

Q. Have you any suggestions to make, or grievances of any kind, or any information you can give us? A. No, for my part I never like to complain. I made an application some years ago—a few years ago—for more water-power for working machinery for iron vessel building, and if I had got sufficient power for that I could have built those vessels and employed very many men. I see in the west they are building a great many this year.