

*Attorney-General.*—Do you mean to say that a northward line is not a north line?

*Mr. Sax.*—It is not always; it may be north by east, or north by west, or north north-west, or many other points of the compass. A due north line is one that goes direct to the North Pole without any deviation whatever.

*Attorney-General.*—And does not a northward line go to the North Pole? If you had a northward line to run, would you not run it to the North Pole?

*Mr. Sax.*—Perhaps I might, and perhaps not. I would certainly run it northerly, though I might not run it due north.

*Attorney-General.*—What is to prevent you taking it due north? If you had a line to run from a given point until it struck a river, and thence to continue along the course of that river northward, would you call that drawing a northern line?

*Mr. Sax.*—Undoubtedly it would be a northern line, but not a due north line.

*Attorney-General.*—Would it not? Could it be east or west?

*Mr. Sax.*—It might, according to circumstances, be a north-eastward or north-westwardly line, and yet a northern line; that is a line having a northward course or drawing nearer to the North Pole as it progressed, though not an astronomical north line.

*Attorney-General.*—Is not a north line a line northward?

*Mr. Sax.*—Certainly, a line running due north is undoubtedly a northward line.

*Attorney-General.*—And a line due north-westward you would call a north-westward line?

*Mr. Sax.*—Certainly, a line due north-west is a north-westward line; but a line, for instance, that runs towards the north, notwithstanding it may gain in its course more northing than westing or easting, is not therefore necessarily a due north line, but is a northern or northward line.

*Chief Justice Sewell.*—I do not really comprehend the distinction. To say that a northward line is not a north line, I confess, appears to me to approach the *reductio ad absurdum*. Suppose that we had a compass here, and from a given point I draw a line north-westward, that is to say, terminating at a point north-westward, would not that be a due north-west line?

*Mr. Sax.*—It would, if drawn due north-west, but if in drawing it you gained northerly it would from the course of its deviation be a line northward, though not a north line.

*Chief Justice Sewell.*—Then its course northward must unquestionably be due north, if a line north-westwardly is a north-west line. I want to know whether in point of fact—a fact that any man can tell as well as a surveyor—whether a line from the eastern or western point of the compass, drawn northward, is or is not a north line? Just answer that question, yes or no, and then you may explain that answer in any way you think proper.

*Mr. Sax.*—It certainly must be to a certain extent a north line, but not a due north line.