

Q. You did not send them out in Ontario?—A. There was no necessity.

Q. You sent to the secretaries of the school boards of Prince Edward Island?—A. I think we addressed the secretary because we thought that being the secretary he would be more likely to reply in time.

Q. Yes, is he supposed to know the dates of sales?—A. Well, he is not supposed to know all.

Q. Within twenty years?—A. In some cases.

Q. He is supposed to know the dates by reason of his occupying that position?—A. The only thing would be that a man occupying that position would be a little above the average in intelligence.

Q. Is he supposed by reason of holding that position to know more than anybody else about it?—A. No. The only reason was, that holding that position by being secretary of the school trustees, he would be an intelligent man, probably a little above the average, and consequently he was the best man to get.

Q. But that did not follow, I suppose, that he knew anything about it?—A. I cannot judge the intelligence of each individual.

Q. Did you examine the registry office yourself?—A. Yes, when we got the names and dates we had something to go on.

Q. Did you examine the registry office?—A. Yes, most of them.

Q. You examined all transfers that took place there?—A. All t^l at I got records of.

Q. Is there any fee paid there for examination?—A. Under ordinary circumstances there is.

Q. There was not in your circumstances?—A. No. The registry officers generally on the island gave me all assistance any man could possibly receive.

Q. You went over the books daily?—A. If I had the data to go on I would go, and when I had nothing to go on, I did not go.

Q. How often did you visit the registry office there: how much time did you spend there?—A. I cannot say that exactly; I kept no particular record.

Q. Speaking generally?—A. I suppose on an average I was there four days in each week.

Q. Altogether?—A. In each week.

Q. The whole day?—A. Not always. It just depended.

Q. And the registrar gave his time to you during that four days in the week?—A. That was at first, you see the minute I got the run of the books, I could work without his assistance.

Q. He handed over the books to you?—A. I had the full run of the registry office.

Q. He made no charge?—A. Not that I am aware of. I do not think he did, because they did not in Ontario.

Q. You say they did not make any charge in Ontario?—A. Not that I am aware of.

Q. They were very generous to you, I suppose?—A. Sometimes when a person conducts himself properly you can get a great deal more done; in fact you can get a great deal more with civility than with money.

Q. Were you aware that there was a statutory provision for the payment of a fee?—A. I know that, yes.

Q. But you were so gentlemanly they did not charge you that fee?—A. I do not know about that.

Q. Have you examined every case in Ontario, covering the dates in your report, every case where land was sold more than once?—A. In Ontario I did. But probably it was not in every case in Prince Edward Island, a few probably were missed, because I could tell you why.

Q. Never mind about that, have you the record?—A. But I must tell you; a few were lost on the Island, because every man did not answer at the moment.

Q. That is in Prince Edward Island?—A. I received a few letters after I got back here, and of course I could not go back to Prince Edward Island in order to examine a few.