

by 21 Judges to be the best Fence at seven Exhibitions; at the last an Exhibition and a DIPLOMA. If this Fence was adopted, it would save Canada thousands of pounds, as it only takes ONE-THIRD the timber that is in a Crooked Fence. The best timber of Canada is now splitting into rails, as nothing else will split. This good timber might be sold for gold to other countries, or used for fuel, instead of sending our gold for coal.

I knew the worth of my Invention from the first, and Gooderham & Worts knew its worth; but by God's help, I have kept it out of the hands of Speculators; but they press hard on me; their money makes friends. I have been fifteen months trying to get some of them before a Judge and Jury. Lawyers seem to be afraid of them, and I am afraid of some of the lawyers.

From the strong disposition of the said party to buy a County Right, it may be supposed that they would have given me \$1000 for a County; others hearing of such a Company paying \$1000, I would soon have buyers for all the other Counties. There is 103 Counties in Canada, that would be \$103,000; or suppose I would now break my promise and sell, if I only got \$50 for a Township—Upper Canada has 288 Townships—it would come to \$12,400. At \$25 for a Township it would be \$6,200. Some men have to suffer, and cannot help themselves. I have and had offers, but my printed promise was before me, not to sell to Speculators. When a man's promise injures no one but himself, he should keep it; but when others are going to be injured by it, I think he is not to blame for selling any way to pay his debts.

It would be good for some Inventors to have died after they completed their Inventions, as they are subjected to so much slander and piracy; they are looked on and treated by some as though they had committed a crime. There is some who ought to be their friends become enemies—Ahab like. "Ahab was sad, because Naboth would not sell his vineyard to him; but Ahab's friends invented a *slunder* on Naboth, and he was stoned to death, and Ahab got the vineyard; but God's messenger found him in the vineyard."

If I am forced to sell Township Rights before I get a suit with some of the infringers, I will get very little for it. Men are not willing to buy anything when there is a dispute about who is the owner of it. I thought I would try to find a friend of justice to lend me \$500, for which I will give County Rights, as many as will satisfy any reasonable man in security, in such a way as if I do not pay at the time appointed, the County shall be his, and he shall have an Agency to sell Fence Rights from the time he lends me the money until I pay him; he keeping all he makes as part payment of the money lent to me. This \$500 will pay my debts and set me up making my Fence. I want nothing in the way of charity. I do want to carry out my first plan.

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