

until the Committee had an opportunity of learning all the facts, and considering the whole question of land sales. I felt that, if perchance any mistakes had been made, or if under the system mistakes were possible, it would become the duty of the Governor and Committee to profit by the discovery, and lay down better rules to be followed in the future. This suggestion was made to the Secretary, then in Winnipeg, whom I found had learned from other sources all the statements I have alluded to. The Secretary cordially concurred in the suggestion to suspend for a short time the sale of lands along the line of railway. Accordingly on the 14th August a letter to that effect was addressed by him to the Land Commissioner.

Soon after this I left Winnipeg to meet the Deputy-Governor in Quebec, who concurred in the course taken, and further suggested that as the matter was of very great importance, it would be considered by the Committee at an early meeting. Until then any important offers to purchase lands within the prescribed limits of five miles should be forwarded by cable to the Committee to deal with them.

The result of the interview with the Deputy-Governor on this subject was duly telegraphed by me to Winnipeg.

*Second.*—My views on the Land Policy may briefly be stated. I am of opinion that the Hudson's Bay Company should sell its lands as speedily as they can be sold at fair rates.

It is clearly in the interest of the Company to sell its property on the best terms that can be secured, with as little delay as possible.

It seems to me that the Governor and Committee, being responsible to the proprietors for the proper management of the Company's affairs, should take all fair and honourable