

JOINT LABOR.

Ditches, Fences, Decouvert.

Powers of Inspectors.

Article 25. Any two Inspectors shall, when required by a proprietor, upon giving special notice to the neighbour, if he resides in the place, otherwise by a public notice, inspect the localities, regulate and decide all questions which may arise between neighbours with respect to the division, partition, completion, maintenance, and repair of any ditches and fences separating lands bordering one on the other.

Partition of labour.

Article 26th. They shall assign, according to the nature of the localities, to each neighbouring proprietor, his share in the works and labour, either by requiring such proprietors to do them in common, or separately, or making them jointly and severally liable to the payment of an indemnity for the work already done, fixing the delays for the completion of the works, in fact by ordering whatever they may deem necessary to render justice to the parties.

Documents.

Article 27th. Two Inspectors are also empowered, when required so to do by a proprietor, after having given, according to the circumstances of the case, the notices prescribed by Article 25th, to visit the localities, to order and require, if they think proper, that a clearing or *decouvert* shall be made, not exceeding 45 feet in breadth, and to prescribe the manner of making the same, to fix a delay therefor, in a word, to do whatever they may think proper to effect the object; they shall not, however, be empowered to force the neighbour to destroy orchards, or fruit, or maple trees.

Necessary Notice.

Article 28th. No proprietor shall be compelled to make *decouvert*, or a new fence, unless he shall have been required so to do before the 1st December preceeding the inspection of the locality, either by special notice given to himself if he be present, or by public notice, if he be absent from the place in question.

Procès verbaux.

Article 29th. Within three days after they shall have concluded their operations, the Inspectors shall prepare their *procès verbaux*, which they shall deposit in the office of the Municipal Council, and which shall have the force of law.

Parties aggrieved.

Article 30th. Any party who shall deem himself aggrieved, may, nevertheless, within three days after the deposit of the *procès verbal*, demand the revision thereof, by the Municipal Council, who are hereby authorized to decide and order whatever may appear to them to be just and reasonable, and to fix and adjudge the costs.

Joint labour.

Article 31st. When question is raised touching any joint labor to be performed by neighbouring proprietors, in different Municipalities, an Inspector shall be named in each Municipality, and the report of the said Inspectors shall be made to the Council of the Municipality in which the petitioner shall reside, and such Council shall be invested with the powers conferred by Article 30th.

Evidence

Article 32nd. One Inspector only shall be called to prove the completion or non-completion of any joint labor, and his evidence shall be sufficient before any Judge.