

were given differently. Upon enquiry, I learned that one was made from actual astronomical observation, while the other assumed the old survey line of "north 16° west" to be correct. There was nothing in the descriptions to indicate the cause of the difference. The quotation marks sometimes used do not seem to me to be sufficient for this purpose. One objection is that a clerk ignorant of their object would very naturally in copying leave them out. This is, I think, a matter of very great importance, as, at present, unless we happen to meet with "north 16° west, or the complementary line "south 74° west," or some such similar well-known lines, the absolute direction of courses is a mere surmise until the notes of survey are examined.

Yours truly,

J. G. SCOTT.

Osgoode Hall, February 27, 1888.

REPORT OF DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

MR. PRESIDENT,—As Chairman of the Drainage Committee, I beg to present the following report:—

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, on the 23rd of December, 1887, at the Crown Lands Department, Toronto. Members present: H. B. Proudfoot, Clinton; R. H. Coleman, Toronto; and W. R. Burke, Ingersoll, Chairman.

Correspondence was read from Engineers and Surveyors in answer to letters and circulars sent out by the Chairman, asking for information relating to the Drainage Acts and the changes they thought necessary for their improvement or an explanation of any difficulties they had met with when laying out drains or assessing for drainage. Although a circular, or letter, was sent to every member of the Association who was likely to be engaged in drainage work, very few replies were obtained.

We considered it inadvisable, through this Association, to ask the Legislature for any change or amendments in the Drainage Acts at their coming session. We deemed it beneficial to the Association to distribute circulars to the members of the Association, Reeves and clerks of the various townships, asking their opinion and advice regarding the hearing of appeals from the Municipal Drainage Act and the Ditches and Watercourses Act, not to be to the County Judges, but to three competent persons, one of whom shall be a P. L. S., whose duty it shall be to examine the lands, have power to take evidence, etc., or in some way improve the Act in this respect, and it is to be hoped that at this annual meeting it will be fully discussed.

The following is a form of circular that might do to send to the various clerks of municipalities, etc.

W. R. BURKE,
Chairman.