



# SASKATCHEWAN SECTION

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## Who Owns Your Land?

We are frequently asked for information regarding rights of railways versus property owners, in the location of new lines. We give below some clauses of the act which may throw some light on the matter. The section preceding these quotations provides that companies shall prepare maps showing the exact location of the proposed line and deposit same with the minister of railways and secure his approval thereto.

"158. Upon compliance with the provisions of the last preceding section, the company shall make a plan, profile and book of reference of the railway.

"2. The plan shall show:

- (a) The right of way, with lengths of sections in miles;
- (b) the names of terminal points;
- (c) the station grounds;
- (d) the property lines and owner's names;
- (e) the areas and length and width of lands proposed to be taken, in figures stating every change of width;
- (f) the bearings; and
- (g) all open drains, watercourses, highways and railways proposed to be crossed or affected.

"3. The profile shall show the grades, curves, highways and railway crossings, open drains and watercourses.

"4. The book of reference shall describe the portion of land proposed to be taken in each lot to be traversed, giving numbers of the lots, and the area, length and width of the portion of each lot proposed to be taken, and names of owners and occupiers so far as they can be ascertained.

"160. The plan, profile and book of reference, when so sanctioned, shall be deposited with the board of railway commissioners, and each plan shall be numbered consecutively in order of deposit.

"191. After the expiration of ten days from the deposit of the plan, profile and book of reference in the office of the registrar of deeds, and after notice thereof has been given in at least one newspaper, if any published, in each of the districts and counties through which the railway is intended to pass, application may be made to the owners of the lands, or to persons empowered to convey lands, or interested in lands, which may be taken, or which suffer damage from the taking of materials, or the exercise of any of the powers granted for the railway; and, thereupon, such agreements and contracts as seem expedient to both parties may be made with such persons, touching the said lands or the compensation to be paid for the same or for the damages, or as to the mode in which such compensation shall be ascertained.

"2. In case of disagreement between the parties, or any of them, all questions which arise between them shall be settled as hereinafter provided, 3 E. VII, c. 58, s. 152.

"192. The deposit of a plan, profile and book of reference and the notice of such deposit, shall be deemed a general notice to all parties of the lands which will be required for the railway and works.

"2. The date of such deposit shall be the date with reference to which such compensation or damages shall be ascertained, 3 E. VII, c. 58, s. 153.

"195. The notice served upon the party shall contain:

- (a) a description of the lands to be taken or of the powers intended to be exercised with regard to any lands therein described; and
- (b) a declaration of readiness to pay a certain sum or rent, as the case may be, as compensation for such lands or for such damages—3 E. VII, c. 58, s. 154.

"196. If within ten days after the service of such notice or within one month after the first publication thereof, the opposite party does not give notice to the company that he accepts the sum offered by it, the judge shall, on the application of the company appoint a person to be sole

arbitrator for determining the compensation to be paid as aforesaid: Provided that the judge shall, at the request of either party on such application, appoint three arbitrators to determine such compensation, one of whom may be named by each party on such application.

"2. Six days' notice of such application shall be given by the company to the opposite party.

"3. If the opposite party is absent from the district or county in which the lands lie, or is unknown service of such, six days' notice may be made by advertisement in the last preceding section authorized: Provided that the judge may dispense with, or shorten the time or times for, the publication of the notice in any such case in which he deems it proper. 3 E. VII, c. 58, s. 159; 6 E. VII, c. 42, s. 10."

### NEWSY BRIEFLETS

Ingleford is after a loading platform. They will get it; something else will follow!

Avonhurst is looking after a siding at Edgely. That's right, wake up, men, and look after your business. We want

resigned and is going with city folks to dwell.

Coburg association is booming for members and casting admiring glances at the Newberry cup.

Newberry, Redlake, Cataraqua, Blue Hills, Briercrest, Pioneer, Belbee, Marquis and Belle Plaine all have a runner's chance of winning this magnificent cup if they get after it once.

We are busy trying to arrange plans for either district or country conventions this fall, as an experiment, and to secure practical information and experience as to the utility and advisability of permanent organization along those lines.

Airlee held a grand rally on September 9, had a big turnout, although harvest was on.

They expect to see every member out on the 7th of October at half past seven. Herbert Sheppard, the lively secretary, is after new members and will doubtless see they all wear our buttons.

W. B. Empey, Kisbey, writes thanking us for securing the consent of the C. P. R. to the erection of a flour warehouse adjoining their elevator.

When there is a farmers' elevator at every shipping point and a warehouse in connection, with all the beneficent results of extended co-operation, thus hitching our farmers together in commercial

### CHANGING OPINIONS

"Nothing so absolutely stands in the way of all progress as pride of opinion; while nothing is so foolish and baseless."

"I will utter what I believe today, if it contradict all I said yesterday."

He that never changes his opinion never corrects his mistakes, and will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.

"I do not regret having braved public opinion when I knew it was wrong, and was sure it would be merciless."

"No liberal man would impute a charge of unsteadiness to another for having changed his opinion."

It is common in men to err, but it is only a fool that perseveres in his error; a wise man alters his opinion, a fool never."

"Those who never retract their opinion love themselves more than they do the truth."

"The opinions of men who think are always growing and changing, like living children."

"An obstinate man does not hold opinions—they hold him."

### THINKERS

"Thoughts are but dreams till their effects be tried."

"The rich are too indolent, the poor too weak, to bear the insupportable fatigue of thinking."

"Secret study, silent thought, is after all the mightiest agent in human affairs."

"Some people study all their life and at their death they have learned everything except to think."

"The men of action are, after all, only the unconscious instruments of the men of thought."

"A thinking man is the worst enemy the prince of darkness can have; every time such a one announces himself, I doubt not there runs a shudder through the Nether Empire; and new emissaries are trained with new tactics to, if possible, entrap and hoodwink and handcuff him."

a long list of new members from each point. Get us lots of members. Meet regularly. Let us know what you want and watch the dust.

Rozilee is going ahead. B. N. Butler send us fees for convention reports and two new members. He will doubtless make it 20 shortly.

H. Bate, Belle Plaine's secretary sends us 87 membership fees and \$5 for our coronation fund. We were pleased to receive this evidence of the patriotic spirit. Many others should do it.

S. Elliwood, Chaplin, sends us \$9.50 from the newly formed local association named Valgenes and says there is more to come; also sends for membership cards. Good for Valgenes. Read the back of those cards.

C. E. P. Brooks, of Birchhills association, sends us \$6.25 membership fees and convention reports.

Fred Clark, of Leeville, writes for information re a local association for that point. Come on Leeville. Join hands. Get into the Farmers' organization of farmers, for farmers, people, king and country.

John T. Forster writes of a change in secretaries at Kempton; S. Nowell has

relationship, all Saskatchewan farmers may sing an anthem of thanksgiving; but we are only at the A, B, C of things as yet.

### THOUGHTS FOR THINKERS

"The ultimate result of reciprocity would be an increase in land values."

"Until we make a radical change in our system of taxation, the land owners are sure to get the lion's share of any prosperity that is going."—F. J. Dixon, Guide, Sept. 20.

Well, is that wicked?

If workers really want the land, will they not take it while it is being given away? We have been for years, and are still, giving land away. If they take this free land, as many have done, and are doing, and go and live on it, doing the pioneer work, is it wicked for these workers to get the lion's share of the proceeds from their lands? But is it true that these working land owners can get the lion's share of any prosperity going? Is it true? Are they sure to get it? Has our friend got a right base for his argument?

### QUOTATIONS FROM MR. BOWER, IN GUIDE, SEPTEMBER 20

"The government acceded to our demand."

Yes, and lost their heads over it.

"The government called a general election to determine by a referendum vote the desire of the people on reciprocity."

Yes, but what about the wisdom of the referendum?

"The deliberate untruth has been voiced that we are political office seekers."

Oh, how human we all are!

"In our undivided vote lies the danger to their craft."

Yes, but by their cunning craft the vote is easily divided.

We must devise some way to guarantee a support equal to the risk which those who serve us have to run.

It is only an error in judgment to make a mistake, but it shows an infirmity of character to stick to it.

I saw a man this summer who never made a mistake since I have been in this country, 29 years—it was Rameses II., a mummy in the British Museum.

### SOME ELECTION INCONGRUITIES

Laurier elected.

Laurier government defeated.

Saskatchewan farmers endorse reciprocity.

Reciprocity defeated by the people.

Moose Jaw constituency endorses reciprocity by a large majority.

Moose Jaw farmer candidate defeated.

Moose Jaw lawyer candidate elected by farmers.

But by his own city defeated.

Working out a solution to these political incongruities will keep Grain Growers' associations busy this winter.

### HIS FAITHFUL HORSE

One Sunday morning an aged man was leading an old horse across the commons of the city, and out towards the suburbs, when a passer-by asked him where he was going.

"I am looking for a little green grass and some fresh water for the old fellow here," he answered, stroking his companion gently on the neck.

"I would send him to the boneyard or the glue factory, if I were you," said the stranger with a sneer.

"Would you?" asked the old man in a trembling voice; "if he had been the best friend you had in the world, and helped you to earn food for your family for nearly twenty-five years? If the children that are gone, and the children who are living, had played with their heads on him for a pillow, when they had no other? Sir, he has carried us to mill and to meeting, and, please God, he shall die like an honorable old horse, and I will bury him with these hands of mine, if he goes first. Nobody shall ever abuse old Bill, and if I go before him, there are those who are paid to care for him."

"I beg your pardon," said the man who had spoken first. "I cannot blame you for not wanting to part with the faithful old animal."

And the two who had toiled long years and grown old together resumed their journey.