

Q. Did he appeal against the valuation?—He came to me several times, but I told him I could do nothing, as the valuers made that award. Finally, he took the money, but it was several months afterwards when he got it.

Q. What did Nicholson pay?—I do not know what he paid; he got \$40. to Prince Arthur's Landing, as compared with its present terminus at Fort William?—I would say if the station were to be placed, say where the Government reserve is at Prince Arthur's Landing, taking the lots in the town plot (and I believe there are two surveys adjoining the town plot of Prince Arthur's Landing, two parcels of land that have been subdivided) I am sure one hundred thousand dollars would not have covered the amount—that is, including the balance of the lots at Fort William, and running through the McKellar and other property adjoining Fort William.

Q. Confine your remarks to where any line would have entered Prince Arthur's Landing through the building portion of it to have sufficient dockage frontage for the purpose of the railway?—I should say \$100,000; I had several conversations with the late Mr. Hazlewood on the subject, and he estimated it at more than that.

Q. Are you an engineer?—I am not speaking as an engineer; I am not an engineer.

Q. Then you are not competent to speak professionally as to it?—Only as to the value of the land, upon which I consider myself capable of judging.

Q. Then you say that the land damages would have been fully double at Prince Arthur's Landing what it was at Fort William?—Yes; I say so, because the lots are all dotted with buildings.

Of the general valuation Mr. Reid testified as follows:

Q. Were you aware that if the price asked was, in your judgment, excessive—that you had another tribunal—that of arbitration, to go to?—So far as my own judgment is concerned, it would be regulated by circumstances. I did not know the country or the values of land further than the circumstances concerning the case. I ascertained that parties had paid for lots, and the rates they were selling for, and was perfectly satisfied that we laid down the basis that half acre lots were worth from \$250 to \$300, according to location; that was the basis of our valuation. Of course there

were some cases we could hardly close on that basis.

Q. The average of the whole would be higher than that?—Yes, but it was made up by parties who had paid a great deal more, and they would not take less without going to arbitration. We closed by giving \$25 to \$50 extra in cases where they had paid more for the lots.

Q. What is the conclusion in your mind? Would the Government have saved, or would you have been enabled to obtain a less price, if you had gone to arbitration?—I am positive we could not. In any case where there was an attempt to get excessive prices, as there was in one or two cases—for instance, one lot that was sold and sent up they valued at nearly \$2,000—it was resisted. It was lot number 26, South Fredericks Street; we valued it at \$350. It was a large lot, considered to be specially valuable, and I am not sure but what we went up to \$400 value for it.

Of some particular cases, Mr. Reid gave the following evidence: There was Mr. Robert Thompson, of Duluth, we had also to arrange with him, but he placed his case in the hands of a lawyer there, to deal with me. He said he had been offered \$400 for his lot—\$275 was the value we fixed upon it, but we finally closed with him for \$300.

Q. Do you think better terms would have been made if it had gone to arbitration?—No; I think not.

Q. How do you know that?—I don't know, but I think not. Then there was Mrs. Newton in Duluth, whom we had to deal with.

Q. Did you arrange with her?—Yes.

Q. How much did you give her?—\$300.

Q. How long did she hold her lot?—She had held her lot for some years. Those parties would rather not sell; they preferred to keep their lots.

Q. What did she want for her lot?—\$400. Then there is a Mr. Charles Bakke held lot No. 2, Water street, east.

Q. Where did he live?—In Fort William.

Q. Is he living on his land there?—Yes; he bought forty feet frontage of that from Mr. McLeod, and paid \$160 for it.

Q. Did you satisfy yourself that he actually paid the money?—Yes; there is no doubt of that at all. He put up two buildings for a store and bake-house. He