

newly settled townships, or townships being less than half cleared, a majority of owners should say whether the public roads may be used for any other purpose than the legitimate travel or driving of stock when required along them.

6th.—That during winter these roads are fenced in such a way that they harbor snow drifts, thus blocking to a considerable extent the travel along them.

7th.—That the maintenance of fences is an excessive burden on the farmer, now that timber is becoming scarce and dear, and it behooves the Legislature to make such provision by law as will assist in doing away with such an oppressive expense.

8th.—That in the early settlement of this country, when cultivated lands were scarce and there were no pasture lands for cattle, it was in the interest of individuals to fence in their crops and allow the cattle to run at large. Now the case is different. The principal part of the country is cultivated, and the pasture and waste places are in the minority; these, therefore, may be fenced, and not the larger tracts of farm lands.

9th.—That the owners of stock are the individuals who reap the benefits of such, and that, therefore, non-stockowners should not be put to the expense of fences in order that stockowners may make a profit out of their cattle.

10th.—Therefore your committee, taking into consideration the above facts, respectfully suggest that in counties where a majority of the acreage of the soil is arable land, all cattle, horses, pigs, sheep and geese be prevented by legislative enactment from running at large. That owners of all kinds of stock should be compelled to keep them inclosed, or pay all damages that may accrue from their depredations. That it may be the duty of any one finding cattle straying along the roads, streets, or any unfenced lot, not accompanied by a suitable attendant, to drive the same to pound. That for every head of cattle so impounded, the individual who owns such stock shall pay to the pound-keeper over and above all other fees or charges, the sum of 50c. per head to be paid to the individual who puts them in pound. That all damages to trees—whether set on the land of the owner or along the roadside fronting his land—done by animals, be assessed at the full value, having in consideration the age of the said trees and the number of years planted; that such damage be paid by owner of said