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The Maritime Express from Montreal was on Friday morning delayed by a landslide which occurred just above Campbellton. The train was reported two hours and forty-five minutes late.

**EDITORS MAIL**

We are not responsible for opinions expressed by writers under this heading. Correspondents would oblige by writing legibly, and on one side of the paper only, name and address (not necessarily for publication) must always be sent. Correspondence should be as concise as possible.

To The Editor of  
The Union Advocate  
Newcastle, N. B.

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of New Brunswick; we refer to the line between South Esk and Derby Parish. In a communication with the Department of Lands and Mines, on inquiry as to the definition of the Law regarding the Boundaries, the following has been represented by the Secretary as the words of the Law:—"South Esk"—south by line commencing at Beaubear's Point and running-south 68 degrees west, until it strikes a line running north 22 degrees west from the mouth of Renous River."

A plan also was enclosed, dated April 1920, plotting the course of the said line. Now, why should there be any dispute regarding a matter which is as clear as this? It is reported locally that the Bill regarding this Line passed only one reading in the House. We are not at present prepared to say whether this is true or not, but would inquire as to why it appears as Law in the Statutes of the Province if it did not pass its three readings and receive the seal and signature of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

The boundaries of the Parishes were laid down in the beginnings of organized municipal government; the limits, as defined by law, were then judged to be the most fair and impartial to all. Now, the limit regarding the parishes in question which I have just quoted was conceded to by the representatives of the inhabitants of both parishes concerned at the time; the law was passed and the course of the line defined in a way which was deemed most just. Why should these same citizens now attempt to change an established law, and defeat the ends which they professed to serve? This would surely be most inconsistent in them and unfair to the community at large. Whatever surveyor plotted the course of the line, we are prepared to vouch traced it correctly and according to the definitions of the Act. This boundary still stands and many persons now and not of any great age can point to certain places where this boundary line could at one time be seen. Information like this, regarding lines can usually be depended on.

It has been proposed to alter the course of the line so that it may follow the base line of certain of the Derby lots. Please note that the reasoning on which such a change would be founded is altogether erroneous and superficial. I would ask the suggestor to point out one instance, in which a Parish or County or Provincial boundary line follows the line of any settlers' lot. This cannot be for the reason that the County and Parish lines were laid down according to the best system of administration and fairest apportionment of wealth as regards

natural resources and facilities, no thought being had as to personal holders of lots or anything of that nature. This was the primary division, the division into lots was only secondary as far as municipal government and apportionment of taxes are concerned. The lot divisions were made with different ends in view. These are for ownership, those are for government, there can be no conflict between the two, they are there for different purposes. The course of the one cannot influence the course of the other, and it is absurd to assume that an important general parish line should be made to follow the course of a crooked and unimportant base line between lots of land.

Why then should we endeavor to change the line? It certainly would not be in the interest of a better balanced assessment. Derby already has an assessed valuation of \$210,000 while South Esk has \$180,000.

Derby has enough already, she has the mills and factories, the schools and churches the halls and residences, while South Esk has the swamps and the barrens and the bogs, surely an action which tends to enrich one community at the expense of a poorer one would not be fair.

The parish line is criticized for crossing lots of land and the contention is that those portions included in South Esk Parish should not be taxed there. What parish line in this or any other county does not cross the settlers' lots. The county lines, I believe in many cases do the same: will the people consent to a new direction of the county line in order to turn aside from crossing a man's woodlot? Absurd, as well change the lines between the Provinces or the International Boundary as someone in U. S. Congress recently and ludicrously suggested. Would we, as a nation submit to that? Certainly not, neither would we as a community submit to this. We want only our rights but we want all our rights. We, in South Esk, have institutions to support which are just as important to us as those of any other community to its citizens, and we require all the assessments which it is possible to make in order to carry us through. We cannot afford any default taxes, if they can at all be paid. Men who are able to pay should realize the fact that, while no interest is charged on overdue taxes (which we believe is a mistake) yet the prompt payment of such amounts gives immensely larger returns, indirectly perhaps but none the less surely, in goodwill and general prosperity in the country.

Please note that nothing in this letter is to be construed to mean that there exists any ill-feeling between the two parishes on this matter, its authorship arises from desire to have the matter decided so that there may be no further dispute. We, in South Esk are satisfied to have the line traced and established, if not already done according to the definitions of the act, which I quoted in the beginning, and if Derby Parish will agree to the same, it might be possible to arrange to have a delegation from the two Parishes confer with the Governor-in-Council to have the matter fairly and justly settled once and for all.

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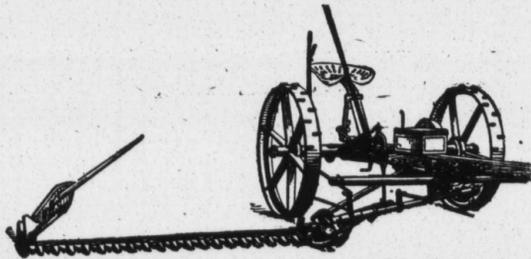
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