

Moncton Land Deals

It Was Friel of Dorchester Who Primed Emmerson and Misdread Government--Ex-Minister Owns Lot Up the Way--The New Deal.

In Parliament a day or two ago while the House was in committee of supply, Mr. Fielding, acting Minister of Railways, was asked whether the trotting park at Moncton had been expropriated. The minister said it was not, but it would be.

Fowler--Who owns it?
Fielding--Mr. Emmerson, as trustee.

Fowler wanted to know whether it was true that the land would be taken in such a way as to leave the owners with building lots along a road to be opened up.

Fielding did not know. Fowler and Crockett questioned Fielding about the statement made by Emmerson last year, and repeated by Fielding, that in 1884 the late government had paid \$1,000 for half an acre of land. They cited this as the chief defence of the Lodge land deal. Fielding was asked whether it was not the fact that the purchase of 1884 was 6½ acres instead of half an acre.

Fielding Admits it was a Fact
Fielding admitted that this

was the fact. He said he himself had made the statement on the authority of Mr. Emmerson. Fielding was reminded that Emmerson claimed to have had his information from an official. Fowler wanted to know who the officer was.

Fielding said the officer had by mistake dropped the word six, leaving the half acre. Pressed more closely, Fielding said that the officer who furnished Emmerson with the information was Mr. Friel, of Moncton.

Fowler--Does the minister say that Mr. Friel is an officer of the department?
Fielding explained that Friel acted in the land purchase as solicitor for the department, and might be designated as an officer.

It was pointed out by opposition members that the whole ground of defence of the Moncton deal was that the government bought land at \$2,000. Now it turned out that the price was only \$160 an acre, while Emmerson paid Lodge six times that price.

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The military forces that are to take part in the opening are already encamped at the exposition grounds. The principal contingent is the 23rd Infantry, from Madison barracks and Fort Ontario, New York.

General Grant, who has been placed in command of all the troops at the exposition, has detailed Capt. J. L. Hines, 23rd Infantry, as chief quartermaster; Capt. Julius N. Kilian, commissary; as chief commissary, and Major Chas. E. Woodruff, surgeon, as chief surgeon and chief sanitary officer at the camp at Jamestown.

In addition to the regular troops, a number of companies of state militia will take part in Friday's exercises attending the opening of the exposition. The governors of the several states who are coming to the opening will be attended by their staffs, which will add to the military display. During the summer the military forces of several of the Southeastern States and the cadets of many military academies throughout the east and south will successively occupy the permanent military camp to be established in connection with the exposition.

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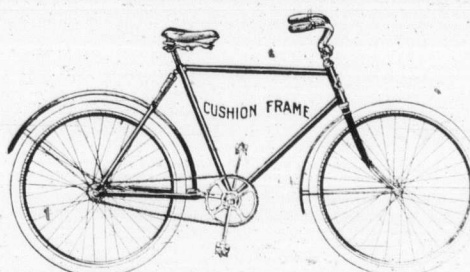
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