

Declared and signed by the within named, on the 6th day of February, A.D. 1887, before me.

(Signed) J. J. BLAKE, S. M.	Signatures	} (Signed) SAMUEL GREER, WM. MASHITER, I. J. HAYDEN.
	of	
	Declarants.	

Commissioner.

MONDAY, April 16th.

Minutes last meeting read and adopted.

Present—Messrs. Allen, Duck, Ladner, and Thomson.

Samuel Greer appeared before the Committee, and Mr. Hett on his behalf.

Samuel Greer, sworn, deposed as follows:—I gave Mr. Jackson, solicitor, the notice as handed to me by Mr. Thomson, secretary. He read it in my presence and said nothing. I am in possession of some land at English Bay, about 160 acres, more or less. I agreed with S. Preston, in the summer of 1884, to purchase the land. He had a certificate of record certified by the Government Agent, Henry V. Edmonds. I produce the same record, dated 14th April, 1873. There were improvements made when I agreed with Preston in 1884 to the value of about \$500. I took possession of the land in 1884, and have been in possession ever since. Preston did not obtain his certificate of improvements, on account of the Indians disputing the title of a portion of the land referred to. I produce the map showing the plan of the land. The Indians disputed that portion where the improvements were made. I have improved the land ever since I took possession, planted fruit trees, fencing, and building. I produce a copy of transfer from S. Preston to me of the claim. The original is deposited with Mr. Warwick, Government Agent. I produce the original declaration for certificate of improvements, dated 6th February, 1887. I applied for certificate of improvements to Mr. Warwick, and tendered the sum of \$2.50. He refused, and said he could not take the money. The Indian Department made no claim whatever to the land disputed, which is about 15 acres, more or less, nor the Indians. I have a transfer from the Indians. The C.P.R. Co are disputing it. When I heard that a Crown grant would be issued to Smith & Angus I went to Mr. Smithe, Chief Commissioner, and told him I understood that they were about to transfer the land to the R. R. Co. He said the matter would be thoroughly investigated and all private rights protected. Smith & Angus commenced an action against me to obtain possession of this land. I have defended that action ever since in the Courts. Upon the trial the jury found I was in possession of the land since June, 1884. The Chief Justice said that my redress was in the Legislature, and I now ask that justice may be given me.

SAMUEL GREER.