

the case one way or the other, nor is it for this Department to decide whether you have appropriated the land in the manner required by law or not. As to the manner in which this should have been or should be done, it is not for me to give you advice; you shall seek advice in reference thereto from your solicitor.

The Dept. was not aware at the date when the correspondence commenced with you in regard to these lands that there was conflict between the Ontario Land & Mine Ry Co and the Canadian Pacific Ry Co. When it became aware of the fact, the papers were all submitted to the Dept. of Justice and advice was given by that Department