

all parties interested in the lands should sign the plan, and that some affidavit of execution similar to that on a deed should be attached to each plan.

III. With regard to descriptions, your Committee are of opinion that surveyors should endeavour to prepare, in all cases, careful and accurate descriptions, from the fact that a description is either the cause or result of all surveys, and that years after both the surveyor and the posts planted by him are dead and gone the description still remains, copied perhaps, through a long chain of deeds, mortgages, etc., to bear evidence of the carefulness or carelessness with which it has been prepared. As this is a very large subject, too large to be properly discussed in a report, your Committee, with a view of promoting discussion, would simply point out a few of the different headings under which descriptions may be classed: such as descriptions of aliquot parts of, or fixed areas of, lots either before or after survey; descriptions of lots and parts of lots on registered plans, making due allowance for surplus and shortage; descriptions of lands acquired for railway right of way, for new streets, local improvements, mill sites, water privileges, water lots; descriptions of lands, the boundaries of which are governed by natural or artificial objects; descriptions in which it is necessary to combine the existing conditions with the "former description." And it must not be lost sight of that this "former description" may "commence at the distance of one chain from nowhere; thence all round the compass—chains—links—hundredths more or less to the point of commencement, containing by admeasurement acres, hundredths, be the same more or less, and all the time the lands intended to be conveyed may contain a gold mine producing \$50,000 per ton. Let surveyors bear in mind that they, of all men, are the proper persons to write descriptions, and by carefulness and accuracy convince every one interested, that when he wants a description, no matter for what purpose, he has only to go to the surveyor.

IV. On the subject of Fences, your Committee think it would be well for the Association to give an opinion as to the operation of the ten year limit for possession.

In conclusion, though the subject has not yet been formally relegated to it, your Committee would urge the careful consideration of Mr. Ogilvie's Boundary Commission Scheme. Undoubtedly there is much to be gained by such a scheme, but the establishing of it is surrounded by many difficulties which can only be overcome by careful consideration and cautious foresight, prompted by a thorough knowledge and full appreciation of the points of the case.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of Committee,

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