
REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Appointed to ascertain what action the Government has taken respecting the Reports of the "Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claim of Samuel Greer to certain land in the vicinity of English Bay," adopted on the 27th April, 1888.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee beg respectfully to report as follows:—

On Friday, 14th March, 1890, the Committee met at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Aikman appeared for the C. P. R. Co., and Mr. Hett for Mr. Greer.

The Hon. Mr. Vernon attended before the Committee and stated that the Government had considered the recommendation in the report of 1888, and came to the conclusion that Mr. Greer had no claim to the land. That he thought there was no correspondence on the subject of the report with Mr. Greer or the Railway Company; that Mr. Greer was not notified that the Government had considered the matter and would take no action; and that the Government would place no opposition to the matter coming before the Courts.

Mr. Greer stated that he had received no communication on the matter from the Government since the adoption of the report of 27th April, 1888; that he had made no compromise with the Railway Company, and that an action was still going on.

The Hon. Mr. Vernon thought that he was not entitled to give reasons for the Government's refusal to recognize Mr. Greer's claim, and the Committee are therefore unable to give any further explanation of the action of the Government; and not being aware of any reasons why Mr. Greer should not receive a title to the land, they respectfully suggest that the Government may be pleased to reconsider the matter, and afford protection to Mr. Greer's interests at as early a day as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. SMITH, *Chairman.*
G. W. ANDERSON,
GEORGE THOMSON,
JAMES TOLMIE,
JOHN GRANT.

EVIDENCE.

March 14th, 1890.

Meeting of Committee of Enquiry, as appointed by resolution of March 4th, *re* Greer's claim.

Present:—Messrs. Smith (Chairman), Grant, Tolmie, Anderson and Thomson.

Mr. Aikman appeared on behalf of the C. P. R.; Mr. Hett appeared on behalf of Samuel Greer.

Hon. Mr. Vernon, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, on being asked as to what action the Government had taken in reference to Greer's claim, as recommended by committee in a report of 1888, stated that the Government considered Greer had no claim to the land, and that the matter had been carefully considered. As far as the Government is concerned the case had been disposed of. The Government had no objection to Greer coming before the Courts on a petition of right. The case had been considered in Council.

By Mr. Tolmie—If Greer has no claim why don't the Government put him off the land?

Hon. Mr. Vernon—That is a matter for the C. P. R. Co. to deal with.

There are no papers that I am aware of that would be of any use to the Committee.

(Signed) F. G. VERNON.

Samuel Greer in answer to the question, stated that since the adoption of the report of 1888 he had no correspondence or conversation with any member of the Government in reference to the claim in question.

(Signed) SAMUEL GREER.

A. W. SMITH,
Chairman.

GEO. THOMSON,
Secretary.

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