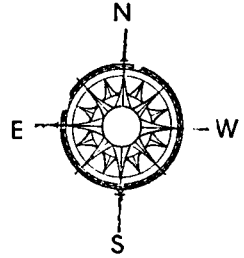


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New Brunswick Land Surveyor Association

AT FREDERICTON, N. B., JANUARY 17th and 18th, 1956

Accompanied by Freeman Tupper our first Vice-President we left Halifax at 9.30 a. m. in a car driven by Leslie Garnet of Garnet Scientific Soles the Maritime Representative of Wild of Canada Limited, after an uneventful drive we arrived in Fredericton, at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel at 6.15 p. m.

After checking in and having supper we went into the lobby and there met President Willis Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, with H. P. Langley, Vice-President and Mr. Tait, Secretary-Treasurer and several other members of the New Brunswick Land Surveyor Association, after introductions we all went up to room No. 503 where we met representatives of four firms who were putting on a display of various types of Surveying and Engineering equipment, where the evening was spent and many problems were discussed. Major Church arrived on the 11 p. m. plane and soon joined the group.

On Tuesday morning we met various other members of the New Brunswick Land Surveyors Association and looked over the different prices of equipment on display by Garnet Scientific Sales for Wild Life of Canada, Eastward Industries had the Keuffel and Esser Line, while Hughes Owens were represented by Hughes and Kelvin of Saint John, N. B., the latter group also had the Gurley line of equipment on display.

After luncheon following registration the 3rd annual meeting of the New Brunswick Land Surveyors Association got under way with President Willis Roberts in the chair.

After adoption of the President's report and the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, a paper on minimum tariffs was presented by Major J. A. H. Church, P.L.S. for N. S., this was followed by a resolution on Minimum Tariffs for New Brunswick Land Surveyors, after a lengthy discussion this re-

solution was adopted with few changes by a unanimous vote of the meeting and thus it became a by-law for the New Brunswick Land Surveyors, all of whom must belong to the Association if they wish to practice any type of Land Surveying in the Province of New Brunswick.

A report was given by President W. F. Roberts on a court action entered into by the New Brunswick Land Surveyors Association, in which a party, not a New Brunswick Land Surveyor was hauled into court for practicing land surveying. Judgement was given in favor of the N. B. Land Surveyors Association, the appeal of the defendant to the Supreme Court was denied in favor of the N. B. Land Surveyors together with cost of the action. Thus setting a precedent in an action of this type.

During this session several papers were presented on subject related to Land Surveyors our one being the Mining Act as it pertains to Surveyors. After a considerably long discussion it was resolved that a request be made to the Department of Mines for a uniform set of regulations pertaining to procedure in the laying out and establishing boundaries on mining claims and leases.

This was followed by the election of officers for the year 1956 which were as follows: H. P. Lingley, President; J. R. Bedard, Secretary-Treasurer and C. F. Cook, Vice-President.

Following the election of officers the meeting was adjourned until Thursday, 9 a. m.

At 6.30 we sat down to the 3rd Annual Banquet of the New Brunswick Land Surveyors Association. Among the guests present were the Honourable Mr. West, Attorney General for New Brunswick.

The Deputy Minister of Mines, Mr. J. B. Blaine-Pogh, Brigadier Jones, Area Commander and a

sapper of World War II. Also present was Mr. Dougherty, the Solicitor for the Association. The guest speaker was Dr. Bates, head of the Economic Commission on Forestry for New Brunswick. After the Banquet was over the gathering broke up to meet later in different rooms in the hotel and at these informal meeting many subjects were cussed and discussed. This continued on until 3.45 a. m. when everyone agreed the evening had been a success and departed to meet again at 9.15 a. m.

Wednesday:

The meeting came to order at 10 a. m. with all present or accounted for.

Willis F. Roberts, past president of the New Brunswick Land Surveyor's Association read a paper to be presented to the Royal Commission on Forestry. Papers were also presented on Tips to Junior Land Surveyors and on Timber Land Surveys.

J. R. Bedard the new Secretary-Treasurer, presented the budget of the Association for 1956. This was adopted unanimously.

A. W. MacLaughlin presented a paper on the suggested Basic Training Course and Syllabus of Examinations for Land Surveying students after considerable discussion this was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

At the luncheon the guest speaker, Professor Smith of University of New Brunswick, spoke on the Industrial Economy of New Brunswick. This was a very able and well delivered address.

After lunch the meeting again came to order and a paper on "The Registry Office" was delivered by Messrs Limerick and Brown.

This was followed by a paper by E. L. Howie

of Bathurst, on the subject "Should we use a transit on all Surveys of Freehold Lands."

This was followed by a general meeting on new business and the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The meeting then concluded and a large number of those present departed to their various station and places of business.

On Thursday afternoon, Freeman Tupper and myself embarked with Leslie Garnet and headed for home, the drive was uneventful until our arrival at Moncton where we learned that due to a bridge being out at 5 Islands, we would have to detour via the Sunrise Trail, which we learned was impassable due to ice and due to the lateness of the day we stopped at the Park View Motel. Here Leslie Garnet was able to get us seats on a T.C.A. plane leaving at 4.30 a. m. Friday. After a restless sleep of several hours we boarded the plane and landed at Eastern Passage and were soon on our way to Dartmouth where we dropped Freeman at his house and then on to the C.N.R. Terminal in Halifax, where I caught the train to Liverpool and arrived home in time for dinner.

To summarize the trip. We had a good time, met a lot of chaps like ourselves, saw a lot of important work carried out and we believe we furthered the cause of Reciprocity for the Land Surveyors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted,

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President of the Association of Provincial
Land Surveyors of Nova Scotia

SOME EDITOR

Boys is my face red. The biggest event of the year 1955 and I missed the scoop by two months.

On November 29th, 30th, 1955 the Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of Nova Scotia held their 5th Annual Banquet at the Lord Nelson Hotel, in Halifax.

Sixty odd surveyors and guests sat down to an appetizing lunch and as far as I could see no one had any trouble in getting their bearings, though a few of the boys had trouble in finding a starting place. Our guest speaker was Dr. Cameron, Asst. Professor of Geology at Acadia University. The subject of his address was the Interpretation of Aerial Photography and its use in highway and subdivision layout. The address was ably presented by one familiar with his subject. At the Conclusion of his remarks Dr. Cameron opened the meeting for general questions and some interesting discussions took place.

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The Annual Meeting

OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF SURVEYING AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY

The Annual Meeting of The Institute of Surveying Photogrammetry was held at Ottawa on the 2nd and 3rd days of February, 1956.

Our association was represented by Messrs March and Church, J. W. R. March our immediate Past President was elected Vice-President of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry for 1956. There is a very interesting article in this issue of the Nova Scotian Surveyor on the Institute meeting which all should read and consider seriously.

The President of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry for 1956 is Col C. H. Smith, C.O., B.A.S.C., P. Engr., Director of Surveys, for the Department of National Defence for Canada.

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The Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry and "The Canadian Surveyor"

All members of The Association of Provincial Land Surveyors of Nova Scotia are eligible for membership in the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry. The annual fee is five dollars, and the magazine The Canadian Surveyor is free to members. Quite a number of our Association members belong to the Institute, and every one should. In urging you all to join the Institute I can do no better than print verbatim the message of our immediate Past President, Mr. Marcel Ste. Marie, which appears in The Canadian Surveyor, Annual Report — 1955.

"The objects of the Institute are as follows;

1. To further the professional knowledge of its members.

2. To promote professional interest in surveying and mapping and to enhance the usefulness of the profession to the public.

Nine of the ten provinces of the Dominion have survey associations. Some of the members of these provincial survey associations are also members of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry. They feel that the Institute, as well as their own provincial association, provides contacts and interchange of ideas with other members and serves to disseminate knowledge of new developments and techniques in the profession and to exchange ideas relating to general principles of practice.

The annual three day convention permits our members to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. Also speakers of international fame are present to give papers on subjects dealing with the various developments in our field. These papers are all printed in the Canadian Surveyor in which the Institute makes available to its members a great fund of technical, historical, and reflective material which is not available to them from any other source. In the annual report issue of the journal the annual meetings of the provincial associations are reported and some general ideas of what is developing in the other provinces may be gained from these reports. The present issue, for example, contains the information that four provincial associations are currently dealing with a code of ethics, minimum tariffs, and student training. The Editor has a constantly growing file of information from all the provinces and will be pleased to put it at the disposal of any one who may write to him. A greater use should be made of this storehouse of knowledge which the Editor has at hand and I urge any of you who have problems to solve to ask him whether he has information relative to those problems or whether other associations have considered and

solved similar ones. Also in the past, members who have had knowledge of new developments or ideas of value to the profession have ensured that this knowledge comes to the attention of the Institute so that it may be available for publication or be filed in case of need.

The Institute has provincial councillors who act as reporters for their respective provinces and together with the Institute have a major role to play in providing liaison between members of the provincial associations and our members.

The Institute also has members in other countries who are members of sister associations in their own lands and have contacts with leaders in the surveying and mapping field, of international reputation. In this way many new developments in other countries are made known to our members by publication, in our Canadian Surveyor, of articles of general interest to surveyors.

These are some of the reasons why I feel that every surveyor should be a member of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry. I urge all members to make the contents of this letter known to all surveyors of their acquaintance who are not members and to advance all possible reasoning to show them the advantages, both to themselves and to the profession, of their becoming members."

(signed) MARCEL STE-MARIE.

I will be glad to make arrangements for any applications to join the Institute by members of our association.

J. E. R. March

Note from the Editor

Notice to all Surveyors

Boys some of us are good at finding old boundary lines but the Secretary Treasurer tells me that the hardest thing to find that he has so far encountered is a Nova Scotian Land Surveyor who has moved to another place of residence and left no forwarding address. It costs \$.05 to send an ordinary letter and \$.08 to send this Quarterly to your last known address, right or wrong, its your money, so if you move be sure and leave a forwarding address if you are in this world.

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Paper on Minimum Tariff Schedules

Read before the Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors, January, 1956

By

JAMES A. H. CHURCH, P.L.S., Nova Scotia

It is with considerable diffidence and a great deal of pleasure that I appear before you with this effusion; the diffidence because of a relatively meagre experience in practice and the pleasure because it affords me an opportunity to reciprocate in however small a degree, for the immense help and inspiration given to the Nova Scotia Association and myself by the actions of your Association in the past two years and more particularly during the visit in November last by your delegation of three members. If permissible let it be stated they are a priceless trio who undoubtedly established the most cordial relations with their Nova Scotian opposite members.

In Nova Scotia the existence of a diversity of views on this subject is only too apparent and the following is an effort at analysis of the situation in the hope it may serve as a basis for discussion to result in some measure of uniformity between our associations.

Background

It will be conceded that in the past thirty years the prices of all commodities and services have increased considerably; e.g. price of gold has increased 100 percent, wages have doubled and in many cases increased 500 percent. Enquiries re taxation in a predominantly rural county show.

Year	Gross		Indices	
	Tax Receipts	Rate	Gross	Rate
1920	\$36,687	.85	100	100
1955	\$83,817	\$2.25	288	281

in a village over 20 year period

School taxes increased 70 percent.

Property taxes increased 80 percent.

Without labouring the point one may assert that the cost of living in 1952 rose to an approximate level of 188.7 compared with the average of years 1935-1939.

It would appear that since 1914 the cost of living is increasing steadily and Associations of Provincial Land Surveyors across Canada have established tariffs schedules to regulate charges. I must plead lack of time for the inadequate coverage of this aspect of the matter but I can state: —

Alberta — In 1925 in the city of Edmonton the area was zoned, charges per lot being prescribed.

Ontario — By law No. 60 of the Association, ratified June 7th, 1954 established a Minimum Tariff schedule.

Quebec — Has a tariff schedule of long standing.

New Brunswick — A committee has this matter under consideration.

Nova Scotia — Nothing; but until a responsible association is incorporated one can not hope to get any action. The administration of the Land Surveyors Act is in the hands of the Department of Lands and Forests — an invidious state of affairs when Minimum Tariff schedule is under consideration.

Minimum Tariff Schedules

Regardless of the profession or occupation under consideration it is axiomatic that poor remuneration means a poor standard of work the world over. The laissez faire principle does not seem to function to the advantage of the general public as is evidenced from the era of the Chaldeans, through the guilds of Mediaeval times, to the contemporary medical and legal associations. The more successful practitioner is such due to functional competition with a large mixture of luck and that holds for all human activities from manslaughter to healing, the more competent may be left to their own devices but the rank and file must be assured of such remuneration for adequate service to the public as will enable them to provide it. If the foregoing be true it follows that a professional association is obligated to regulation of its members in matters ethical and the adoption of a Tariff Schedule would seem to be the only means, whereby the rank and file can be protected against improper competition from marginal operators.

Marginal Operators — A body of Land Surveyors may be classified as

1. Private Practitioners — those who maintain an office, own the necessary equipment, and facilities for the work.
2. Surveyors employed by
 - (a) Government Departments
 - (b) Civic Authorities.
3. Surveyors employed by Survey Corporations.
4. Queer people, such as myself, employed by educational authorities, or, what have you, to whom land surveying is merely incidental to their occupation. In every province in which the writer has worked it has been common report that some members in categories 2 to 4 inclusive, being on salary, have made surveys in

their spare time at cut rates — this must be intolerable “anathema” the sin of witchcraft, admittedly hearsay but indubitably a fact. The less successful private practitioner believes himself forced to conform in some degree to the cut rate and the public gets work of commensurately low standard. It is certain that the standard of some work done in the Maritime Provinces will substantiate the statement.

The sincere thanks of all Land Surveyors is due to the Ontario Association for their masterly schedule and to the drafters of the New Brunswick proposed schedule. If it be permissible may a member of the Nova Scotia Executive Committee be allowed to make a suggestion to the rank and file of both Associations.

The tabulation of Fee Schedules, Appendix A, does not do justice to the drafters thereof but it is hoped allowances will be made for the necessity for condensation in such a paper as this. This question of fees is one of vital importance to the public, to your Association, and each individual. Such a schedule is the result of a vast amount of painstaking work which is deserving of careful study before being subjected to criticism from the

floor at a general meeting. A counsel of perfection is that you form regional groups for purposes of study; such groups to meet before the general meeting for arrival at an agreed modification of the draft schedule. Those conversant with the New Brunswick draft schedule will be aware that there are in it suggestions indicative of the necessity for ethical considerations; it might be well that such ethical matters be incorporated in your by-laws.

In conclusion probably you will meet with the old bromide, “Dont price yourself out of a job” — the rash of television antennae which is so evident across the continent does not argue for the poverty of John Citizen — anyway the counter to the bromide seems to be “better price yourself out of a few jobs than price yourself out of a living”. May I thank you, please, for this opportunity to clarify my own nebulous views on this vital question which will be of the utmost importance in Nova Scotia in the not too distant future.

James A. H. Church,
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