

TUCKER'S TOWN COMMISSION

Will Upsets Case--- One Settlement Reached

Yesterday morning the Commissioners under the Bermuda Development Company Act, No. 2, 1920, held their third hearing. Major R. W. Appleby, chairman, Mr. J. S. Pearman, M.C.P., and Mr. C. E. Astwood, M.C.P., Commissioners were present, with their secretary, Mr. A. C. Smith; and the Secretary of the Company, Mr. F. G. Gosling. The meeting was held in the Police Court, Hamilton.

Will Upsets Case.

At the last hearing a definite settlement was reached between the Company and Wentworth Josiah Talbot, by which the former offered £650 for over 7 acres of land in Tuckers Town.

Talbot accepted this, and agreed to pay his mother £150 in settlement of her dower right.

During the hearing it was stated that Mrs. Talbot had declared a will existed, which gave her the control of the land, but the son had never heard of it or seen it. Since then, Mr. Gosling had found that there was a will, substantiating Mrs. Talbot's claim.

The settlement arrived at with the son was therefore void, and the whole matter will have to be gone into afresh.

Company's Offer Accepted.

In the next case a settlement was reached.

The Company offered an aged coloured man named Benjamin Twaites Trott £600 for 9½ acres of land in the area, which is part of the Glebe property.

Trott was represented by Mr. R. C. H. Hallett, and declined it. He was prepared to accept £1075 with a life interest in the building on the land. This amount was arrived at by valuing the house at £400 (8 rooms at £50 each); 4 acres of arable land at £100 an acre; and the balance at £50 an acre. Mr. Gosling offered £800 in fee simple for the property, but eventually, after consultations, the sum agreed upon was £850, in addition to which the Company are releasing certain advances made to Trott, who is aged 75 years.

It was stated that Trott held a title to one acre of the land, and the majority of the balance was held by uninterrupted possession which extended over 50 years.

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This, said Mr. Gosling, was a substantial increase upon the price Mr. Bourne had paid for it three or four months ago. He, however, declined to accept it, and wanted £2,000, which the Company could not accept.

Mr. Bourne expressed his willingness that the matter should be decided by a jury.

The Commissioners then made a ruling that if no agreement had been arrived at by reason of the absence of one of the parties interested, the matter would be enquired into and assessed by a jury, unless within one week advantage was taken of the Act and notice given of a desire to have it decided by arbitration.

In this case, Mr. Bourne's compensation would be settled by a jury unless a change of mind takes place and arbitration is asked for.

Next Hearing.

Another hearing will be held in the course of a few days, and Mr. Gosling has seven cases ready for the Commissioners.