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## APSLEY RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

*Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Fenton.)*

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Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands and Works, October 7, 1887; and  
ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, October 13, 1887.



## GREEN PONDS RAILWAY.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, SESSION 1887.—RETURN TO ORDER.

"That a Return be laid upon the Table of this House, giving the names of the owners of property who promised to give their land without charge for the purposes of the Apsley Railway Construction, and also specifying those who have carried out their promise." (*Mr. Fenton.*)

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Of the landowners and leaseholders who signed the Petitions to Parliament (House of Assembly Papers, 1883, No. 103, and 1884, No. 160), praying for the construction of the Green Ponds Railway, the persons mentioned below are alone affected. Both Petitions concluded with the following words :—

"Also that you will take into consideration that we, as owners of the land through which the proposed branch line will run (excepting such land as is used for orchards or gardens, or damaged by severance) are willing to forego any claim to compensation for such land as is necessary for the construction of such branch line of railway."

*J. J. Butler, owner.*—In a letter, attached to Petition, agreed to give land on certain conditions as to station site. These could not be complied with. Mr. Butler accepted the Government valuation for his land.

*John Porter, lessee.*—Has made no claim as tenant of property of Mrs. Emma Hayes and others.

*Robert Skitch, lessee.*—Has made no claim as tenant of property of Mr. J. R. Hopkins.

*E. Graf, owner.*—In a letter, attached to Petition, agreed to give land on certain conditions (not stated). Department not being aware of existence of Petition at the time, Mr. Graf was offered and accepted Government valuation.

*E. J. Webb, owner.*—Gave land. Was paid for new fence on such land, at 3s. 6d. per rod.

*F. G. Page, owner.*—Gave one small piece of land. Refuses to give 34p. extra required for road diversion in connection with railway, claiming £500 for same.

*R. Stamford, owner.*—Mr. Stamford's case was a peculiar one, his house and business premises being taken, and orchard injured. His claim was £300. Arbitrators were inclined to award £250, which Mr. Stamford agreed should be reduced to £200, on account of his having signed Petition.

*O. & J. Flexmore, owners.*—Gave land.

*H. W. Ellis, owner.*—Mr. Ellis has since died. Only a small piece required. No claim has been made in reply to notice served in December 1886.

*Edmund Johnson, owner.*—Mr. Johnson has since died, and the trustee has accepted the Government valuation for the land.

*James Hadden.*—Now declines to give land. Line was altered on the verbal representation of Mr. Hadden that he would give land. This was before Department became aware of existence of Petitions.

*John Picken, owner.*—Question of severance was about to be arbitrated upon, when Mr. Picken died. Fresh arbitration will shortly be arranged.

*S. Blackwell, sen., owner.*—Mr. Blackwell has since died. Trustees decline to give land. Matter will shortly be arbitrated upon.

*E. O. Bisdee, owner.*—Now declines to give land, and states that he did not sign any Petition containing above-quoted clause. Original Petition, bearing the signature "Edwd. O. Bisdee," is in Public Works Department."

*D. Wylie.*—Has not made any claim as tenant of the estate of the late Thomas Hooper.

*J. Swan, jun., C. C. Swan.*—Trustees of the estate of the late John Swan, sen., decline to recognise promises, stating that these gentlemen, being only life tenants, had no power to give land. Mr. J. Swan, jun., has since died.

*J. W. Palmer, Thos. Stone.*—Claim as tenants of portions of the estate of the late John Swan, sen. They have both been requested to withdraw their claims, but have not yet done so.

J. FINCHAM, *Engineer-in-Chief.*

6th October, 1887.