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Land For New Road Too Costly, Assemblymen Say

There were objections to the proposed payment of £4,000 an acre for land for a new road from the Foot-of-the-Lane to the South Shore Road in the House of Assembly yesterday, and the committee of the whole House reported progress without having come to any decision.

A number of members suggested the matter should be sent to the Arbitration Tribunal.

Bringing the matter forward the Hon. H. D. Butterfield, chairman of the Board of Public Works, said the arrangements were the result of long negotiations. If the proposal was passed it would make it possible for the department to start reasonably early to push the road through.

Mr. D. C. Smith: "It will increase the value of the land substantially." Others who enjoyed advantages usually gave the land. The Trimingham (two Trimingham estates are involved) were grasping. He thought if they got £1,000 it would be too much; it should go to a jury.

Mr. J. E. P. Vesey: "I agree very largely with the remarks of the last speaker." Unfortunately, as the law stood now, the tribunal

could not calculate the improved value of land in making their calculations. He felt that due consideration should be given to the improved value. A road into the property could come from no other direction. He asked Mr. Butterfield to report progress so that some motion could be prepared.

The Hon. H. T. Watlington: "Honourable members know that this land has been tied up, I suppose, for 60 years. Many many people are in it."

He spoke of the difficulty of negotiating with a great many people. He was not holding any brief for it but he thought the expressions members had used were unfortunate.

Sir John Cox, the Speaker, said the beneficiaries had offered a 75-foot strip of land on the roadside in return for the building of a sea-wall. "They have not always been asking for all that they can get," he said.

Mr. D. C. Smith said the wall was of great benefit to the property. He felt that a number of individuals might have said they would turn their share back to Government.

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The Hon. W. W. Davidson read the appropriate section of the arbitration law which prevents tribunals from being swayed by any increased value resulting from the use to which the land acquired is to be put.

Mr. Earle Outerbridge said he was a wealthy man if land was worth £4,000 an acre.

Mr. R. L. Pearman: "I am a bit disturbed at boosting the value of land like this."

Mr. Butterfield took grave exception to the remarks of Mr. Smith. "Unless the Board of Works felt that £4,000 an acre was quite fair it would not have come forward," Mr. Butterfield said.

Mr. J. E. P. Vesey suggested a message should be sent to the Governor that the matter should be sent to the tribunal, and that they should consider the increased value of the land.

Mr. Butterfield said he would find out why it was felt the future value of the land should not be considered.

Britain Accepts Reduced West German Payment

Breakfast In U.K.; Tea Here

Three men "dropped in" at Kindley Air Field yesterday — from 40,000 feet. And the three, flying an R.A.F. Canberra jet plane, added afternoon tea to an international m.e.a.l. schedule: breakfast in Britain, "elevenses" in the Azores and lunch in Gander, Newfoundland.

The schedule was due for completion last night — supper in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Canberra left the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough at 6 a.m. British time. It reached the Civil Air Terminal here at 3.15.

"They made very fast time at a high altitude — 35,000 to 40,000 feet — at stages in the trip," Wing Commander Ware, Director of Civil Aviation, said last night.

Piloting the plane was Group Captain D. C. McKinley and its passenger was Air Vice-Marshal McGregor.

"After refuelling here they went on to Venezuela where they will be taking part in an air show," Wing Commander Ware said.

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Mr. Richards: "I would differ with you that one of them is a crook. . . ."

Sir Alan: "Or utterly incompetent to be a surveyor."

During his evidence on Thursday Stovell said he surveyed Hall's property in 1949 and found that the disputed land, upon which a boat-house is situated, was on her property. He found that the western boundary, which he used to help determine the eastern or disputed boundary of Hall's property, ran through her house and was not represented by a fence erected to the west of it.

Yesterday he was cross-examined by Mr. Spurling, who appeared with Mr. E. W. P. Vesey to represent Outerbridge.

Mr. Spurling questioned Stovell at length about various measurements and boundary marks and then asked:

"Do you agree one of the surveys must be out?"

When Stovell replied in the affirmative Sir Allan asked: "Very badly out?" To this Stovell replied, "Yes."

During the course of his cross-examination Mr. Spurling produced plans of property deeded to the old railway company; these showed that when these plans were drawn up in 1929 the fence was shown as the western