

why it should not pay the same. No reply was made, and May 19 the office recommended that the company be considered as having dissented from the award and that referees be appointed.

July 29 the Department transmitted to the office the commission of Lemuel W. Marks, of Vinita, Ind. T., appointed by the President chairman of referees to appraise damages to individuals in the Creek, Seminole, and Chickasaw nations, and August 11 the principal chiefs of those nations were requested to authenticate the appointment of referees designated by them, as reported by the inspector for the Indian Territory July 19, 1902, and the company was advised that a referee to represent it should be appointed within thirty days or applications could be made by any of the parties in interest to the court for the appointment of a referee to fill the vacancy.

For tribal damages the company paid \$8,484.30, direct to the treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation. Inasmuch as the Choctaw Nation is entitled to three-fourths of this amount, the office was instructed June 16 to withhold all right-of-way and tribal-tax money from the Chickasaw Nation until the amount erroneously collected is made up. In this way a considerable part of the sum has been reimbursed.

Station grounds were approved under the act of April 26, 1896, at the following points:

- Okmulgee stock yards (new), approved January 8, 1902.
- Holdenville stock yards (new), approved January 20, 1902.
- Flat Rock Creek (new), approved January 21, 1902.
- Platter (additional), approved February 18, 1902.

**Southern Kansas Railroad Company.**—This line is operated by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and extends from the north line of Oklahoma southerly through the Oto and Missouri reservations to Purcell, Chickasaw Nation, crossing the Canadian River in township 7 north, range 2 west. The length of the line in the Indian Territory is 5.7 miles. July 7, 1902, a substitute plat of station grounds at Purcell was approved.

**Washington and Great Northern Railway Company.**—Maps of definite location, showing the survey from Nelson, on the international boundary line, to Republic, in the State of Washington, 40.83 miles, were approved October 15, 1901, under the acts of March 3, 1875, and March 2, 1899. The protest of the Republic and Kettle River Company has already been referred to. The company remitted \$9,699.60 for damages for right of way through Indian allotments in the north half of Colville Reservation.

**Western Oklahoma Railroad Company.**—This line, constructed under act of March 2, 1899, extends from a point near Hartshorne, Choctaw Nation, to Ardmore, Chickasaw Nation, a distance of 117.95 miles. July 9, 1901, the Department approved schedules of damages showing awards to the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in the sum of \$20,157.22, and to individuals in the sum of \$2,505.52. The damages to individuals