

Contest Final Proof

The government is contesting the final proof of Dean Howlett of Medina to a valuable quarter section, a tract of Stutsman county soil near Medina. The taking of testimony received was before County Judge Hemmi, the government's witnesses being Tom Olson and Oscar T. Lindgren. The contention of the government is that the residence upon the land has been insufficient to entitle him to it. Mr. Howlett, in his behalf, testified as also did his wife, and Martin McGuire, S. W. Christopher H. A. Manthay, Charles Peterson, and G. E. Ochsner, neighbors, and George Moug of Medina.

Special Agent John J. Brosnan, from the government offices in Duluth, was present on behalf of the government, Attorney Fred Kneeland representing the homesteader, Mr. Howlett. Mr. Howlett has broken up and put under cultivation a considerable portion of the land and has buildings. But the contest seems to be a question of residence sufficient to gain a patent. The testimony will be sent to the state land office and then to the general land office for final adjudication.