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**CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA
LAND SURVEYORS AND REGISTRARS, LAND REGISTRY OFFICES.**

Attached hereto is a new Regulation recently issued under authority of Section 80, "Land Registry Act", Chapter 171, R.S.B.C. 1948 and which will come into effect on February 1st, 1955.

It may be recalled that the substance of this Regulation was requested of the Hon. the Attorney General and the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests by resolution of the British Columbia Land Surveyors Corporation at its Annual General Meeting of 15th January, 1954. At this time growing concern by the Corporation was manifest over the frequency of conflict between registered plans and new ones being submitted for deposit.

All will appreciate that the grave situation, which this new Regulation is designed to help mitigate, is due not so much to actions of particular individuals or agencies, as to the gradual disappearance of the primary evidence of older surveys on the ground, together with the modern trend to higher accuracy and complexity of surveys due to steadily increasing values and congestion of property.

The new Regulation has had the benefit of careful consideration by the Surveyor General, the Board of the Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors and the Inspector of Legal Offices, and has the concurrence of the Hon. the Minister of Lands and Forests and the Hon. the Attorney General.

Facilities for the service offered by the Regulation are necessarily limited as to staff and financial appropriations, so that in the initial stages, at least, only the more important cases can be handled.

It is anticipated that the proper use of this Regulation will bring material benefits to the Surveying Profession, to the Land Registrars, the public and to the Surveyor General's Branch, all of whom are much concerned in maintaining the integrity of the survey structure of British Columbia.

Much satisfaction is derived from the fact that the Land Surveying Profession itself took the initiative to bring the need for impartial inspection of surveys to the attention of the authorities, and full credit for its timely action in this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

G.S. Andrews
Surveyor General.

February 1, 1955

REGULATION REGARDING SURVEYS AND PLANS MADE
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
THE "LAND REGISTRY ACT"

The regulation herein contained for the conduct of surveys made under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act", and for the preparation of plans for deposit in the Land Registry Office, is issued under authority of Section 80 of the "Land Registry Act", Chapter 171, R.S.B.C. 1948.

This Regulation is intended to be read in conjunction with the survey and plan requirements of the said Section 80 and other Sections of the Act, and to be an amplification and not a contravention thereof, and constitutes an additional regulation to those now in effect and notified in the British Columbia Gazette, 8th March, 1951, Page 773, and being Number 29 thereof.

The Registrar of a Land Registry Office shall be guided by this Regulation when dealing with plans tendered for deposit in the said Office.

This Regulation shall come into effect on the first day of February, 1955, and shall apply to all plans, other than explanatory plans, tendered for deposit after that date, and to all surveys made under the provisions of the said "Land Registry Act" which are completed after that date

REGULATION
General

29 (a) Any plan, tendered for deposit under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act", which, in the opinion of the Registrar, requires further examination on the ground, may, before acceptance for deposit, be forwarded by him to the Surveyor-General, together with pertinent data, including other plans or copies thereof, with a request that an examination be made. The Surveyor-General, after such examination as, in his opinion, is necessary, will return the plan, together with a report of his findings, to the Registrar.

(b) Any plan tendered for deposit may be referred by the Registrar to the Surveyor-General for the purpose of checking the dimensions shown on the plan, who will examine the said plan and report his findings to the Registrar.

(c) Upon the request of the Board of Management of the Corporation of Land Surveyors of the Province of British Columbia, the Surveyor-General may make such examination as he considers necessary of the survey represented by any plan prior or subsequent to deposit, and will report his findings to the said Board.

G.S. Andrews,
Surveyor General.