

Basic Detail Report



Farmers' Protest

Date

c. 1882 - 1883

Primary Maker

Ferdinand Brütt

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This picture represents the adjustment of claims for damages for the right of way of a new railway. The adjustment is being made in a Government law office. The gentleman standing behind the table, near the center of the picture, is the President of the railway and of the Commission. The one on his left, seated, with a red handkerchief on the table, is a rich, country shareholder and another of the Commission. The one sitting in front of the table, near the railway map, is a wealthy city shareholder, also a Commissioner. The gentleman with a pen behind his ear, standing by and talking to the Commissioner, who has the red handkerchief, is the Government officer. Behind him, at the extreme right of the picture, is the Chief Engineer, who is explaining to the village schoolmaster the route advantages of the road. On the right of the President is seated the Secretary of the Commission, on his right is standing the Assistant Engineer, and by him is seated another Commissioner. On the left, and in the foreground, are grouped the farmers. The Prefect of the village stands bending over the railway map, protesting against the wrong which would be inflicted upon an old aunt, through whose acre-and-a-quarter lot it is proposed to run the railway should the designated route be adhered to, since she was born and had lived eighty years in a cabin on the same, forgetting that she would be fully compensated by a cash payment and the enhanced value of her lot.

Dimensions

Canvas: 42 × 62 inches (106.7 × 157.5 cm) Framed: 43 3/8 × 63 × 2 1/4 inches (110.2 × 160 × 5.7 cm)