

York, making a total of 3166*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and the roads in the front of the township are now very good.

Q. What is the extent of the roads made in the said township with this money?

A. About thirty miles.

Q. Are there any and what obstacles to making roads in the new townships?

A. The Crown and Clergy Reserves constitute one great obstacle to the improvement of the internal communication of the townships.

SECOND REPORT.

Lieutenant-Colonel BOUCHETTE, Surveyor General of Lower Canada, examined.

Q. By what denomination was generally known that individual amongst the petitioners, who charged himself with the preparing of the petition, and obtaining signatures thereto, with presenting the same to the Provincial Government, and carrying it through the Council, with the expences of survey, and ultimately with obtaining the patent, and paying the fees thereof?

A. They were called leaders of townships.

Q. Upon the face of the patent did they or any of the other patentees receive any more than 1200 acres?

A. As far as my knowledge goes, not more.

Q. Were not those leaders by the original understanding between themselves and the co-petitioners, charged with this trouble and these expences, without obtaining from their said co-petitioners any remuneration for the one or reimbursement for the other?

A. I have generally understood such was the case.

Q. What might be the expences of survey and patent on a township of 44,000 acres?

A. About 340*l.*

Q. What was the average value of lands in those townships, as they were purchased up by speculators from the year 1796 to 1803 and 1804?

A. The lands were then considered of little value, as they were sold, as far as my knowledge extends, from 6*d.* to 15*d.* per acre.

Mr. J. P. ROBINSON, Culler of Timber in Quebec, examined.

Q. Have you passed through any and what townships, and what is the extent of the cleared lands in the same, and the population thereof respectively, and are there any and what townships on the south shore in which there are no clearings or settlements?

A. I have passed through the whole of the townships on the River St. Francis, as far as the township of Eaton, and from Ascott to Stanstead on the line. The township of Stanstead is for the greatest part cleared and settled: there are four companies of Militia in that township. The township of Hatley is in part