

2. When were such plans filed, respectively, and for what apparent object?

3. Have they, or any of them, been allowed or approved?

4. If so, when were same allowed or approved?

5. Is the government aware that the corporations of the towns of Sault St. Marie and Steelton claim that any proposed expropriation by railways would interfere with and injuriously affect the interests of those towns, or either of them?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

1. The Algoma Central Railway, the Pacific & Atlantic Railway, and the Ontario, Hudson's Bay & Western Railway Companies filed plans for the expropriation of Whitefish Island, in the St. Mary's river. The three applications cover the whole island.

2. The plans were filed by the Algoma Central Railway Company for right of way on January 3, 1900; by the same company for terminals on January 13, 1900; by the Pacific & Atlantic Railway Company for

right of way and terminals on December 24, 1901, and by the Ontario, Hudson's Bay & Western Railway Company, for the purposes of the railway, on December 28, 1901.

3. They were all approved and allowed.

4. The plans were approved when filed, namely, January 3, 1900; January 13, 1900; December 24, 1901, and December 28, 1901. The acquiring of the land for the purposes aforesaid was allowed by order in council of March 5, 1900; February 12, 1900; January 10, 1902 and January 15, 1902.

5. The corporations mentioned have made no such claim to the government.

#### SCHOOL LANDS.

Mr. AMES asked;

How many acres of school lands were disposed of by the government during the six months ending 31st December, 1905, the average price obtained per acre, respectively in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior):

	Area in Acres.	Amount Realized.	Average Price.	Average price of Total Sales.
<i>Manitoba.</i>				
Tyndall Sale.....	233.60	3,350.40	14.34	
<i>Saskatchewan.</i>				
Killaley Sale .....	3,200.00	46,560.00	14.55	
Yorkton " .....	8,096.83	81,917.96	10.12	
Saltcoats " .....	10,689.20	82,872.44	7.75	
	21,986.03	211,350.40	.....	9.62
<i>Alberta.</i>				
Edmonton Sale .....	8,874.00	106,842.70	12.04	
Leduc " .....	1,756.00	15,834.50	9.02	
Wetaskiwin " .....	4,679.29	46,820.92	10.06	
Lacombe " .....	4,031.04	35,952.52	8.81	
Innisfail " .....	7,530.59	62,561.29	8.32	
Didsbury " .....	23,202.94	241,473.08	10.41	
Calgary " .....	23,099.00	231,117.17	10.01	
High River " .....	24,117.04	355,046.05	14.72	
Pincher Creek Sale .....	7,434.23	102,951.56	13.85	
Macleod " .....	16,008.19	195,716.37	12.23	
	120,782.32	1,394,316.16	.....	11.54

#### SALE OF SCHOOL LANDS.

Mr. AMES asked:

1. What was the quantity of school lands sold up to the end of the fiscal year 1905, in Manitoba and the Northwest, and the total amount received or receivable for the same?

2. What is the amount annually paid to the several provinces on account of school lands?

3. What is the estimated quantity of school

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lands unsold in the surveyed portions of the three provinces?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior). The area of school lands sold in Manitoba to the 1st July, 1905, was 271,384.45 acres, for the sum of \$2,180,673.95. The area sold to the same date in the Territories, now comprised in Alberta and Saskatchewan, was 147,245.32 acres, for \$1,473,949.90.