

(It was simply in this way.) The holders of such Land entitled to claim from their occupancy, or from purchase from prior occupants, should send a description of their respective Lots, where situate, in what locality, town, or township, how bounded, and so forth. A very concise and not complicated form. The holder to have two disinterested persons to appear as witnesses before a Magistrate, and declare upon oath to the truth thereof. To simplify the thing, all that was required was due proof that the parties claiming had of themselves, or from others, actually settled and improved the Lot so claimed before the day named, (26th September, 1828,) and that it was not occupied, claimed, or owned by other individuals, but merely a question of right between the present claimants and the Queen's Government. After which to be forwarded to the Crown Land Agent at New Carlisle, in the County of Bonaventure, for his report, and a day fixed, (28th July, 1849,) to end all such claims. That the parties when duly notified as to time, and when it would cease, and be for ever barred.

A vast number of persons availed themselves of this act, and forwarded agreeably to Mr Price's form, the requisites of the Law, with their claims to Mr Martell. They remained in his office a much longer time than was expected, and it roused the various applicants or their agents, to make a stir in the matter, and to obtain (if possible) the much desired promised grant.

A move or something else was made by Mr Christie, at the suggestion of some of the interested parties, to have the matter brought to issue; and in consequence thereof, a printed return of the different claims was brought before the consideration of the House, in pursuance of its order, on the 25th October, 1852, and 9th May, 1853.

Whether any decisive movement was made, or from some unknown cause, the whole subject of these Land claims, had to undergo another supervision under the controul and management of the Gaspé member, (Robert Christie, Esq.) who had very generously used his own say in the matter, undertaking the winding up and speedy adjustment of all those claims, out of pure good will and disinterested motives to his Constituents, and therefore he had most willingly proffered his humble services to the Government—"FREE, no charge, emolument, or selfish gain looked after by him. It was a spontaneous free-will offering, all selfish or interested motives thrown completely aside."