

We do not think we are over sanguine in anticipating that the business of the Grand Trunk Railway will require, before any distant day, that the dépôt accommodation at Sarnia be extended beyond what will be afforded by so much of the Ordnance Reserve as can be made available, notwithstanding the very great expense of reclaiming it.

Upon the portion reserved for military purposes, and which we desire to lease, no permanent buildings will be erected.

Having assented to all the modifications in our plans, desired in your letter of the 18th August, we hope you will now complete the arrangements with as little delay as possible.

The Respective Officers
H. M. Ordnance, Montreal.

We have, &c.
(signed) *C. J. Gzowski & Co.*

Sir,

Office of Ordnance, Montreal, 22 March 1855.

WE have the honour to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, a copy of a communication from the Board of Ordnance, authorizing the disposal, for purposes of the Grand Trunk Railway, of those portions of the Sarnia Reserve which are required for the terminus of the work in that locality, and to state that all the necessary preliminaries have been arranged as to the parts to be sold, and the quantity of the Reserve to be leased, and that it only remains to be ascertained, with reference to the contemplated transfer of the Ordnance lands of the province, whether any objection exists on the part of the Provincial Government, to the ratification of the sale, with the understanding that the purchase money shall be held available for payment into the military or provincial chest, according to the result of the arrangements now pending.

We accordingly request you will favour us by communicating the decision of his Excellency in Council upon this point as early as may be convenient.

We have, &c.
(signed) *William Bell,*
Colonel Commanding Royal Artillery.
J. S. Elliott, O. S.
W. R. Ord,
Colonel Commanding Royal Engineer.
W. H. Blenkarne, D. O. S.

The Honourable the Provincial Secretary,
Quebec.

Gentlemen,

Secretary's Office, Quebec,
23 June 1855.

I AM commanded by the Governor General to inform you, that his Excellency has had under his consideration in Council, your letter of the 22d March last, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Board of Ordnance, authorizing the disposal to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of such portions of the Sarnia Reserve, as may be required for the terminus of the railroad in that locality.

In reference thereto, I am to inform you, in reply to your inquiry upon that head, that no objection exists on the part of the Provincial Government to the ratification of the sale or lease of the lands in question, upon the proposed understanding that the purchase money shall be held available for payment into the military or provincial chest, according to the result of the arrangements now pending, in reference to the transfer of Ordnance lands, to the Provincial Government.

The Respective Officers
of Her Majesty's Ordnance, Montreal.

I have, &c.
(signed) *E. A. Meredith,*
Assistant Secretary.

Gentlemen,

Office of Ordnance, Montreal,
14 July 1855.

WITH reference to your letter of 17th February last, on the subject of the quantity of the Sarnia Reserve, which you require for the purposes of the Grand Trunk Railway.

I am instructed, by the respective officers to acquaint you that there is no military objection to the disposal of the tracts designated swamp, water, and rushes, and brush, on the enclosed plan; and 10s. currency per acre is proposed as the price to be charged for the whole block, with the exception of the portion comprised within the radius of 300 yards round the projected work of defence, for which an annual rent of 10*l.* currency per annum will be required for a term of 30 years, renewable; but resumable whenever the land may be required for purposes of defence, or military occupation.

The conditions upon which the lands referred to will be sold and leased, are, that the Government or Ordnance should, at all times, have a right of way through the property sold,