

Under these circumstances, to save his house from being at once taken from him, he attended the sale of Indian land at Owen Sound, in September, 1857, and purchased a few of the town lots to secure his garden, house, and barn; and at the same time he bought, at the public auction, farm-lots Nos. 27, 28, 29, and 30, in the third concession of the township of Sarawak, on which he had, with the approbation of the tribe, made improvements, for the purpose of settling his family there, as previously intimated.

At the sale of land, when he purchased these farm lots, he obtained from Mr. Bartlett, the agent, certificates of the purchase. These certificates and the money to pay the first instalments, according to the printed condition of the sale, he placed in the hands of the Missionary at Newash, the Rev. C. Van Dusen, Chairman of the Owen Sound District, to pay to the agent of the Receiver General, and to obtain a receipt for the same. But on Mr. Van Dusen's way to that office he called on Mr. Bartlett, the agent, who withheld the certificates, informing Mr. Van Dusen that he had just received orders from the "Department," not to sell any of these lots to Indians.

At the same sale of land, farm lots were purchased by Abner Elliott and Mrs. Sutton, (alias Sunigo,) who were placed in circumstances similar to that of the chief. Their certificates were at the same time, and for the same reasons, withheld by the agent.

Fortunately the sale had closed the day before,