

with those to the Westward of Hamilton; and before the winter set in, the inspection of that section was completed, excepting a very few lots in the extreme West, and some scattered throughout the Township of Wilmot, which will be overtaken by other means. So soon as the state of the ground will permit the Eastern section will be entered upon; and the Board anticipate that, before the close of the year, they will have reliable information about the present character and value of all the lots. This inspection will in part explain why so large a sum is charged in the accounts for inspection of lands.

The Board have also had their attention particularly directed to the valuable blocks in the Township of Hallowell, which appeared in general to be in a very unsatisfactory state, being occupied by various parties, and without any survey or plan of their possessions having ever been made, excepting in the case of Gore G., and an unauthorized survey of Block B. Even in the case of Gore G. there existed important differences with some of the neighbouring proprietors, arising from old defective surveys clashing one with the other. This required thorough examination previous to an endeavour to effect an adjustment of the possessions of the tenants. Dr. Hayes happening to be in the neighbourhood in 1851, visited Gore G., and brought up important information. But as it was evident nothing could be definitively determined on, either as to the proper proportion of rent to be charged, or the quantity and value of the land held by the various parties, until further information was obtained, it was therefore resolved early in the year, to employ Mr. Roche, of Port Hope, Land Surveyor, with whose intelligence and attention in other matters the Board had every reason to be satisfied, to make a thorough survey and inspection of all the Blocks. Blocks B, 685 acres, and K, 1225 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, adjoining each other, he completed early in summer: but Block H, 571 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres, and Gore G, 1380 acres, he only overtook just before the setting in of winter. In the two first blocks the lands have been offered to the occupants at the values put on them by Mr. Roche, varying from 22s. 6d. to 30s. per acre,

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