

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

for land were granted by the present excellent Lieutenant Governor.

Suppose a Company were formed in England to promote the agricultural improvement and population of Canada, from what sources would they derive any return for their capital?

Were such a company in possession of large "blocks" of land, and the whole of the Crown Reserves in any district, a new impetus would be given to the province. By good roads and building mills on the blocks or tracts, the lands would immediately become valuable. Offices for the sale of their lands might be opened in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, furnished with correct maps and descriptions.

The character of the Company would guarantee the safety of the purchaser in respect to his title — and to shew fairness, the Company might direct their lands to be shewn free of all expence to the agents of any private associations or small capitalists who might be disposed to purchase.

These remarks chiefly regard the blocks. In many of the populous townships, the reserves would be purchased by the native inhabitants, in order to settle their children near themselves; for example, in many of the townships, there are already 200 families, most of which possess one lot of 200 acres; but we shall suppose that the 200 families possess among them only 150 such lots. Now the grantable lots in a township are about 240 and 90 reserved lots, that is, forty-five for the crown, and forty-five for the clergy. The population from emigration and natural increase, doubles in about 12 years, so that in that time the 200 families would be 400 families, and require at least 150 more lots of land, but 240 less, 150, leaves 90 remaining unoccupied, so that the reserves would in that time be called for.

This supposition is placing the matter in the most disadvantageous point of view, because many of the unoccupied lots belong either to the inhabitants of the same township or other individuals, who, knowing the value of lands in the midst of a populous settlement, hold them high, so that the Company would in all probability sell the reserves much sooner than is here