

parties interested to contest their own rights without further litigation on the part of the Government, advised a sale to Laporte, of all the Beach Lot being the property of the Crown, wherever its boundary might be found to be, and the Committee understand the proposal of Mr. Caron on the part of the Ursuline Nuns to be made, with the object of forcing a compromise which would avoid further litigation, and prevent the severance of the Beach Lot bounded by high water mark from the land in rear, which severance would be obviously to the great detriment of both properties.

Were the Government free of the order made in Lower Canada in favour of Laporte, the proposal made by Mr. Caron would appear to be fair and reasonable,—the beach Lot might then, as in the case of other lots, be sold to the proprietors of the land in rear, or if on the other hand the Ladies of the Ursuline Convent had forborne to dispose of the land in rear until the boundary had been ascertained, or if they had then agreed as to the boundary, the whole property might, by their acting in concert with the Crown, have gone into the hands of one proprietor, and by the junction of the estates all further disputes might have been avoided.

But under present circumstances, the Committee do not feel at liberty to cancel the order in favour of Laporte or to force him or his assignee to part with any right which they may acquire under it. They think it right that the Government at least should be free of all further legal contests, and they see no other means of producing this result than by carrying into effect the last order, which may be substantially done by a sale to Laporte or his assignee of the Beach Lot bounded on the land side by the property of the Ursuline Nuns or their tenants, wheresoever the boundary may happen to be,—the sale to be made in conformity with the last order in Council.