

DOMINION NOTES.

Mr. ARMAND LAVERGNE—by Mr. Talbot—asked :

1. Does the government purpose conforming with the wishes of an important portion of the population by having the Dominion notes printed in the two official languages of the country ?

2. Does the government intend to have the money of the country struck in English and in French ?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). The forms of the notes and coins of the Dominion of Canada, so far as language is concerned, are the same as they have been from the beginning of confederation. The government has no reason to believe that they have caused any disadvantage to any class of the Canadian people. Therefore, there is no present intention of changing them.

ALGOMA LAND SALE.

Mr. BOYCE—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. What lands in the townships of Tilley, Tupper, Archibald, Pennefather and Aweres, in the district of Algoma, have been sold by the Department of Indian Affairs to John Bromley, of Pembroke ?

2. When was such land sold, what was the acreage of the land conveyed, and what was the total price paid ?

3. Were there any special terms or conditions incident to the sale ? If so, what were they, and have such terms and conditions been performed, respectively, by the purchaser or purchasers ?

4. What timber reservations were contained in the sales ?

5. Have all payments been made by the purchaser for these lands ? If not, what amount remains unpaid ?

6. Has the grant for these lands, or any portion of them, been made to the purchaser ? If so, when and to whom ?

7. Was any valuation of the lands made prior to the sale ? If so, who was the valuator, and what is the date of his report ?

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) :

1. The following lands in the townships of Tilley, Archibald, Tupper and Pennefather, have been sold to John Bromley of Pembroke :—Township of Tilley : Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23 and 24. Township of Archibald : Lots, 9, 10 and 11, concession 1 ; lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 2 ; lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 3 ; and lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 4. Township of Tupper : Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 3 ; lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 4 ; lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 5 ; and lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, concession 6. Township of Pennefather : N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, N. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 1, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 2, N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 9, S. $\frac{1}{2}$

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section 9, section 10, section 11, section 12, section 15, section 16, N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and S. $\frac{1}{2}$ section 17, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ section 18, sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30.

2. The land was sold on the 9th April, 1904, the total area being 28,505 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and the total price paid, \$9,185.50.

3. Yes. The following are the conditions :—(a). The land and timber thereon to be explored and valued by a competent valuator under oath, and payment therefor, other than pine and spruce, to be made in cash at the time of sale, at the value placed thereon. (b). Sections and broken sections, reported for the whole or most part fit for settlement to be subject to the following settlement duties :—One settler to be placed on each section or broken section ; a house, at least 18 x 24 feet, to be erected thereon and occupied for three years, and five acres in every hundred, or in that proportion, to be cleared and cultivated. (c). Sections or broken sections reported unfit, or for the most part unfit, for settlement, not to be subject to settlement duties. (d). The sale to be made subject to the existing timber license covering the lands, as regards pine and spruce, which timber may be cut and removed by licenses within three years from date of sale, provided the license is yearly renewed. (e). Pine and spruce, not removed by licensees within three years, to be paid for by the purchaser of land at value placed thereon by valuator. (f). The purchaser to establish a sawmill at a point on Batchewana bay with a capacity of from three to five million feet per annum, and to give Indians a preference in the employment of labour, when found suitable for the work to be performed. (g). All minerals, precious and base, to be reserved from sale, as well as the right to work mines and remove the minerals. (h). Letters patent to be issued after the expiration of three years from date of sale, upon proof being furnished of the due fulfilment of the conditions. (i). The purchaser to pay cost of valuation of the lands found to be unfit for settlement.

The above conditions have been complied with, except those under (e).

4. Pine and spruce were reserved in the sale for three years from date.

5. All payments have been made, except for pine and spruce under condition (e).

6. Letters patent for these lands, or any portion thereof, have not been issued.

7. Yes, by Andrew McAuley, 14th November, 1902, and 2nd January, 1903.

ST. ANN'S ISLAND LEASE.

Mr. CLEMENTS—by Mr. Blain—asked :

1. Who is the lessee of St. Ann's island, in the district of St. Clair ?

2. Was there a written lease between the government and the lessee ?

3. What is the date and terms of said lease ?

4. Will the government lay a copy of the lease on the table of the House ?