

name of "The Orphans' Home of the City of Ottawa."

The principal business before the Board during the first six months of 1865, besides the carrying out of the first promenade concert and the bazaar, was the procuring a site on which to erect a building.

In January, an unsuccessful solicitation was made to Mr. N. Sparks for a lot. In March, Mr. Ruggles Wright made an offer of a lot of land in Hull, on condition that the necessary buildings be erected thereon; but the offer was declined with thanks, as the site was outside the city limits.

In February, an offer was made through Mr. Augustus Keefer to sell some lots belonging to the Chapman Estate, on what is now Frank Street.* This offer was also declined. I can find no reason stated in minutes, probably the property was considered too far out of town. The price, \$300 a lot, was certainly very reasonable, looking at it from a present-day point of view. Finally, it was decided on the advice of the Advisory Committee, to purchase lots Nos. 11 and 12 on Sussex Street from the Ordinance Land Department for \$1,200, payable in ten annual instalments. They are the lots opposite Water Street, on which now stand a row of brick dwelling-houses.

When this property was purchased, it was the intention of the Board to erect thereon a temporary building, but it soon became apparent that the lots were not in a suitable locality for the purpose, as the city was then just beginning to move in a southerly and westerly direction. It was decided,

* One of the advantages stated in the offer was "that the reservoir for the waterworks, when completed, will be on the highest part Ashburnham Hill, almost in a line with these lots."