

and C. Magee be requested to act as a committee to make inquiries respecting the price of land in a central locality, with the view of securing a site for the erection of a new Home. This they kindly consented to do, and at the September meeting Mr. C. T. Bate, who had taken a deep interest in the matter, was present, and submitted the following report of the committee:

“ OTTAWA, September 28th, 1874.

“ The undersigned beg to inform the lady managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home that they have selected a site for the erection of a new Home at some future day. After viewing several, they are of opinion that the one on the south-west corner of Biddy* and continuation of Elgin Street is the most eligible, and they recommend that the offer of one acre on that corner, offered by the agent of the By Estate for £1,000 stg., payable one quarter down, balance in ten yearly instalments, with interest, be accepted.

“ (Signed) H. V. NOEL,
CHAS. T. BATE,
CHAS. MAGEE.”

It was immediately decided to accept this offer, and a special meeting was called for October 1st to take the final steps. On that day, before arriving at a final decision, it was suggested that the members present adjourn to view the lots.

I remember distinctly going out Elgin Street that day, in company with Lady Macdonald and a party of ladies, to what seemed quite the outskirts of the city. Open fields, where cows pastured, lay all around, with here and there houses placed at

* Now Lisgar Street.