

now forms a horse-shed for St. George's Church in the Village of Trenton, the Frankford church people were glad enough to obtain services from the Missionary at Stirling.

As far as we can understand, the Bishop maintains that the \$1000 is a sacred trust given to him for the express purpose of endowing this particular congregation at Frankford by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, out of the public chest. The Assistant Commissioner, however, gives a very rational and by no means sentimental account of the matter, which effectually clears the Hon. R. W. Scott, the Commissioner, of any imputation of misappropriating the funds of the Province. The \$1000 in question, instead of being a present to the Bishop, was a sum of money paid by certain squatters upon two lots in the Township of Sydney, (a Dorchester glebe), and which they were obliged to pay, in order to extinguish the claim of the Synod, before they could obtain patents from the Crown. The money really belonged to the Synod, to dispose of for the best interests of the church. In those days, however, when Synods are looked upon as mere ornamental appendages to church dignitaries, it was not thought worth while to lay the matter before this dignified body, so the Secretary, as acting for and representing the Synod, with a stroke of his pen creates Frankford a Rectory, and when people read the Synod Journal for 1876 they were surprised to find a new Rectory had sprung into existence in the Diocese.

In May, 1877, the Rev. Mr. Stephenson addressed a letter to the Crown Lands Office in Toronto, asking for information concerning the lands in question. He received the following reply, which speaks for itself :

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,
Sales and Free Grant Branch,
TORONTO, 29th May, 1877.

THE REV. F. L. STEPHENSON, }
St. John's Church, Stirling. }

SIR,—With regard to the enquiry you make by your letter of the 23rd inst., I beg to state that the lands commonly known as "Dorchester Glebes" were set apart in the early surveys of the Province under an order of the 17th