

APPENDIX A.

I.—EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD RESPECTING THE KILLARNEY SETTLEMENT.

I have the honour to inform you that the reports on the Killarney Settlement have been sent to you under separate covers by registered mail.

Statements.

The various statements have been compiled with the view of showing the fullest possible information, in what is hoped may be found a convenient form for reference. They contain a record of the lien number, name, age, and location of each settler, together with the name and age of each member of every family. The number of acres under cultivation of wheat, oats and potatoes, average per acre, yield and market value of the same, total acres under cultivation, breaking, backsetting, and summer fallow done during the year, and grand total of acres that can be brought under cultivation for the spring of 1896, as well as the live stock on the farms, value of improvements, &c. on each homestead, present approximate value of homestead, total approximate value of the Board's security, debts owing to the municipalities and board, amounts paid thereon and general remarks.

Recapitulation.

A comparative statement has been added for the years 1890 and 1895. In former statements the 14 Canada North-West Land Company settlers were shown (in the year 1890) as assisted by the Imperial Colonisation Board. These names are now omitted.

This statement also shows that the total acres, brought under the plough in 1890 was 2,182, and 3,604 for 1895, an increase of 1,422, or an average of over 66 acres to each settler. Also that the total number of acres under cultivation for 1890 was 1,323, and for 1895, 2,304½, an increase of 981½ acres. In 1890 the acreage under wheat was 1,239 acres, with an average yield of 15 bushels; and in 1895, 1,924, with an average yield of over 25 bushels to the acre. In 1890 the acreage under oats was 74 acres, with an average yield of over 29 bushels to the acre, and in 1895, 357 acres, with an average yield of over 40 bushels to the acre. The number of acres under potatoes in 1890 was 10, with an average yield of over 176 bushels to the acre, and in 1895, 23½ acres, which yielded 4,226, or nearly an average of 176 bushels to the acre. Crofters could have disposed of their crops, during the autumn of 1895, at an average of 40 cents for wheat, oats 15 cents, and potatoes 20 cents per bushel. It will be seen by comparing this statement with the one received by you last year (1894) that the settlers have not sown the same area of wheat this year (1895) as they did the previous (1894). Reasons: Some of the settlers were unable to purchase seed grain; in other cases the settlers were unable to prepare and seed the land, as their animals, purchased under Chattel Mortgage had been taken from them, for not meeting their payments. The low price they had the previous autumn received for their grain also deterred some from sowing a larger area. The increase of grain this season (wheat 25 and oats 40 bushels to the acre) has taught the settlers that to gain a good crop it is necessary to thoroughly prepare the soil. It will be further observed that in 1890 the crofters purchased one horse, and in 1895 they had in their possession 58, an increase of 57 horses. In 1890 the number of oxen (I.C.B.) were 57, and in 1895, 10, a decrease of 47. Again, in 1890, they purchased 24 oxen, and in

1895 they had in their possession 51, an increase of 27 oxen. Cows (I.C.B.) in 1890, 37, and in 1895, 4, a decrease of 33 cows. Cows purchased by settlers in addition to those supplied by the Board in 1890 numbered 25, and in 1895 this number was increased by 57. The number of young stock, &c. is as follows:—Heifers, 1890, 50; 1895, 63, an increase of 13. Steers, 1890, 37; 1895, 18, a decrease of 19. Bulls, 1890, 5; 1895, 31, an increase of 26. Poultry, 1890, 813; 1895, 1,484, an increase of 671. Pigs, 1890, 38; 1895, 92, an increase of 54. The cause of the decrease in the live stock originally supplied to the settlers is accounted for by death and sale. Several of the crofters have had their teams, purchased under Chattel Mortgage, taken from them for not meeting their payments. In such cases the agent considers it advisable to find out whether there are teams available for hire, during the seeding season, arranging that the expense thus incurred be paid out of the 1896 crops.

Seed Grain.

The agent finds it necessary to supply seed grain to those settlers who have only smutty seed to sow, also to those who have had their grain seized for debts, compelling them to dispose of their exemptions (seed grain) for provisions, &c. for their families.

Repayments I.C.B.

As instructed in your letter of the 27th March 1895, every crofter in the settlement was personally called upon by the agent for the amounts due to the Board. Their payments and replies will be found in their individual reports.

Municipal Repayments.

As instructed in your letter of the 27th March 1895, the agent several times called upon every crofter in the settlement, and urged upon him the necessity of his paying his municipal indebtedness. Their payments and replies will be found in the individual reports. The agent is informed by the municipal authorities that seizures were only made upon the crops of those settlers who they considered did not intend to pay their taxes or seed grain notes.

Foreclosing Liens.

In accordance with instructions received the Board's solicitors have instituted legal proceedings in the Court of Queen's Bench, foreclosing those liens upon which default of payment has been made. This procedure was necessary to enable the Board to obtain an indefeasible right to those lands upon which default of payment has been made, and with the view of subsequently leasing the lands to the settlers. The solicitors have informed the agent that the proceedings in questions are being put through the court as expeditiously as the law will permit.

II.—EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE AGENT OF THE BOARD RESPECTING THE SALTCOATS SETTLEMENT.

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