

sold, that no stone buildings be erected within the radius on the north side of the line of railroad, that should any claims for improvements be urged by squatters or other occupants, they must be arranged by the company.

You will be pleased to communicate your assent to the foregoing terms, and when the arrangements, which are pending, with respect to the Ordnance lands in Canada, are finally completed; you will receive an intimation as to the mode in which you will be required to pay the rent and purchase money.

Messrs. Gzowski & Co.,
Toronto.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W. H. Blenkarne*, D. O. S.

Sir,

Toronto, 20 July 1855.

WE have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, setting forth the terms and conditions on which your department is willing to dispose of the Sarnia Reserve to us.

We beg to assent to all of them, and will be glad to receive the deed and lease at your early convenience.

To Captain Blenkarne,
Ordnance Storekeeper, Montreal.

We have, &c.
(signed) *C. J. Gzowski & Co.*

LETTER to Secretary to the Ordnance from the Respective Officers, Montreal, dated
30 July 1855.

SUBJECT.

PROPOSED appropriation of the Sarnia Reserve to the purposes of the Grand Trunk Railway, excepting the portion reserved for defensive objects.

BOARD'S ORDER thereon, dated 14 September 1855.

ACQUAINT the respective officers at Montreal, that the several steps reported in their letter have been approved, and direct them to put the contractors for the Grand Trunk Railway (Messrs Gzowski & Co.) into possession of the Sarnia Reserve on the conditions therein detailed.

The Respective Officers, Montreal.

(signed) *C. Poignand*,
Pro. Secretary.

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(No. 55.)

Royal Engineer Head Quarter Office,
Montreal, 13 August 1855.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a copy of the correspondence * relating to the sale of part of the Military Reserve at Port Sarnia, Canada West, to the Toronto and Guelph section of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company. The sanction for this transfer is contained in Master General's and Board's Order, 21st December 1853 (T. 724), which authorized the sale of so much of the land as the Company might require for the extension of their line through the Reserve, at a fair and reasonable price. Enclosed is a plan of the Reserve, showing the portion which in consequence of application having been made, the respective officers consider may be sold to the Company, and have informed the Secretary for Ordnance accordingly.

The demand for so large a tract by the Company, is owing to this point being the terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada, and its being the intention of the Company to erect a large establishment in connexion with the terminus, as well as extensive wharfage and storehouses on the left bank of the River St. Clare.

The content of the land thus proposed to be sold is about 644 acres, large portions of which being in swamp and marsh.

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* See Letter marked "Ordnance, No. 89."