

Correspondence
respecting
Mr. Felton.

bought 100 acres at once; afterwards I bought 50 more of the said lot at the same rate. I have since paid the whole price in this manner: my wife has washed during three years for Mr. Felton's family, at half a dollar per dozen, and it was agreed that the payment for the land should be made in this way. I thus acquired the said 150 acres, and no more. But I learn that the whole lot, comprising the 200 acres, has been patented to me, and that I am stated to have performed the settling duties. This is not the case; I never had a location ticket; but, on the contrary, went upon the lot as my own property, in consequence of the said purchase. Before I knew that the whole lot was patented to me, I was present at a conversation between Mr. Felton and one Edward Fitzgerald, and I thus learnt from Fitzgerald and Mr. Felton himself, that he had sold the 50 acres which I did not buy, to the said Fitzgerald; and I know that Fitzgerald made improvements upon the said 50 acres so bought by him. Fitzgerald is now in the United States. I am a British subject, born in Ireland; and served two years in the Irish militia, and I told Mr. Felton so.

Mr. James Parks, farmer, of the township of Ascot, called in; and being interrogated, answered:—I have known the Hon. William Bowman Felton, for upwards of 10 or 12 years. When I first knew him, I asked him whether any land would be given to old country people, and I said I was ready to perform the settling duties; he said that he had no more to give, but that he had some to sell. He said he could sell me the east half of the 15th lot, in the ninth range, if I liked it; he sent me to see it. I returned and said I liked it, and he asked one dollar an acre, which I agreed to give. He then sold it to me for that price, telling me, that as soon as I had paid one quarter, I might go and work upon it, and not before. Accordingly, I delivered him a cow, which he accepted in payment of 20 dollars, and thereupon gave me leave to go upon the lot; it is 11 or 12 years ago. I have since paid him the full amount, and got my deed for it, which he delivered to me with his own hand, and which I now produce, marked (G.)

(G.)

Province of Lower Canada.

I do hereby certify, that in the letters patent, issued under the great seal of this province, bearing date at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the city of Quebec, the 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1830, and remaining deposited for ever in the office of the Secretary of the province, granting unto the several persons therein named, their heirs and assigns for ever, in free and common soccage, certain parts and parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the townships of Ascot, Brompton, Hatley, Orford, Acton, Roxton, Chester and Blandford, in the said province, James Parks is named as one of the grantees, and that the east half of lot number 15, in the ninth range of the said township of Ascot, is therein and thereby granted unto the said James Parks, his heirs or assigns for ever, in free and common soccage.

Secretary's-office, Quebec, }
19 March 1831.

D. Daly,
Sec. and Regr.

I am told, that the writing on the back is in his handwriting, to the effect following:—
E. ½ of 15 in 9 R. Ascot.

I now produce an account which he delivered to me, and which I saw him write, marked (H.) to the following effect:—

(H.)

1824.	£.	s.	d.	1824.	£.	s.	d.
To 100 A. at 5 s. - - -	25	-	-	By a cow to D. Thompson - -	5	-	-
Interest due 1st January 1830 -	4	5	-	Heifer, wt. 376 lbs. at 4d. 3 15 3			
				Less pasturage, 2 months - 6 8			
					3	8	7½
				11 days at 5 s. - - -	2	15	-
				1825.			
				2 days at 5 s. - - -	-	10	-
				3 days reaping, 3 s. 9 d. and board	-	11	3
				2 days potatoes, 2 s. 6 d. and board	-	5	-
				1826.			
				20 days at 2 s. 6 d. and board -	2	10	-
				1827.			
				Cow to B. Martin - - -	4	-	-
				5 days at 5 s. - - -	1	5	-
				1829.			
				Cow to D. Thompson, 14, 75 -	3	13	9
					23	18	7½
					5	6	4½
	£.	29	5 -		£.	29	5 -

This account is a statement of the transaction. I never had any other transaction with him. When he gave me the said deed, he charged me four dollars for the deed, and half a dollar