

Canada Company's Lands.

We extract the following paragraph from the *St. Catharines Journal* of the 6th instant:

"To those who may be desirous of purchasing lands from the Company, upon the terms specified in their advertisement, and accompanying their printed lists of lands on sale, it may not be unnecessary to state, for their information, as it may prevent both trouble and disappointment, that they will be required to accompany their applications either with a recommendation from some magistrate or Post Master, or the name of some gentleman as a "reference," to whom the Commissioner can apply, should he deem it necessary, to ascertain the character of the applicant, and the probability of his becoming not only an actual but a good settler. The reasonableness of this precaution will be best explained by the following extract of a letter to the Editor, from the Commissioner, Frederick Widder, Esq., in reference to an application on behalf of a party who was desirous of leasing a quantity of the Company's Lands:—

"Were we not to endeavour to exercise some little discretion, as to the parties to whom we should grant leases, the general benefit we trust we are producing might be attended with some alloy—for instance: Take the people employed upon the excavation of the canals, who, as a body, (although there are no doubt individual exceptions among them,) are, from the nature of their previous employment, but ill calculated to encounter the hardships and privations of the 'Bush,' with a probability of advantage to themselves, the province, or the Company. By facilitating, more than can be avoided, such a class of settlement, we should be rendering a very questionable benefit to any party. When the excavators have hired out, been some little time in the country, and acquired sufficient knowledge and aptitude for their new career, the case is, of course, essentially altered. I know we cannot always obtain the information we would desire, upon each applicant, although, for their own interest, we will endeavour to do it: so, again, to somewhat guard against any other contingency, we will not lease more than one hundred acres to any settler, unless we have some kind of assurance that he will be enabled to use a larger quantity to his own benefit. A contrary course might create speculation, to the injury of the actual settler; and instead of promoting the settlement of the province, by good settlers, we should retard it."

"We will only further state, that all applications for land, and obtaining a lease, or any other instrument necessary to be executed, does not in any particular require personal attendance; as the whole can be accomplished through the Post Office; and we should not be doing justice to our own feelings, or to the gentleman named above; did we not add, from personal knowledge, and for the information of those who may have occasion to transact business with the Company, that they will meet with that promptitude and attention to their interests, which cannot fail to give the most entire satisfaction."

✠ The attention of Editors is directed to this explanation of the Canada Company's views in Leasing their Lands.

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