

It is to be supposed there will be some defaulters who will not make good their payments; but their number is comparatively small, considering the large amount of land sold and instalments paid upon it.

Assuming that the unsold farm lands sell at a future sale for no more than the upset price, which is a low amount to set them down at, seeing the average advance is 80 per cent. on their upset price, the whole produce of the two townships of Keppel and Amabel (exclusive of the town plots of Oliphant and Wiarton) will give for the benefit of the Indians the large sum of 135,730 £.

The Au Sable mill site, comprising 1,100 acres of land, offered at 2,000 £., sold for 2,390 £.

The mill site near Owen Sound, containing 45 acres, put up at 500 £., sold for 760 £.

The amount of the first instalment of one-third of the purchase money, which has been paid into the bank by the buyers at this sale, is 34,061 £. 1 s. 7 d. currency.

The Caughnawaga tract, situated very advantageously on the Owen Sound Bay, the surrender of which was only obtained from the Indians during the progress of the late sale, though small, is reported to be good land. Instructions had been forwarded to me, by direction of his Excellency the Governor General, to offer the same at the first sale; but having got through all the land, and closed the auction two days before these instructions reached me, and the people having nearly all dispersed and returned to their homes, many of whom had been waiting for this land, I felt that I could not, in justice to the department, and without causing much dissatisfaction, carry out that order. This tract will therefore remain to be offered at another sale.

The large tracts of some of the best land in the Peninsula, still held as reservations by these tribes of Indians, and lying as they do upon the borders of the surrendered portions, are considered a great bar to the rapid settlement of those portions already sold. These lands are unoccupied and uncultivated, and will probably remain in that state until they are given over to the management of the department.

If therefore, a surrender of these reservations could be obtained, it would tend very much to the benefit of the tribes, and be the means not only of settling the country, but of adding materially to their income.

Due notice having been given in the principal papers of the province, the sale was commenced at Owen Sound, and continued for five days in succession. The audience was large and highly respectable, being composed chiefly of the yeomen of the country, and numbered throughout the days of sale upwards of 1,000 persons.

The greater part of the farm lands were purchased by farmers, many of whom had been waiting more than a year for this opportunity of buying farms for themselves and their sons; and from the opening to the close of the sale, the competition was keen and spirited. The greatest good order and good feeling prevailed amongst the buyers, throughout the progress of the sale, and all expressed themselves well satisfied with the arrangements of the department.

R. T. Pennefather, Esq., Superintendent
General of Indian Affairs, &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) W. R. Bartlett,
Agent for the Sale.

STATEMENT showing the result of the first Auction Sale of the Saugeen Indian Lands.

Number of acres of farm land in the tract	-	-	-	144,000
" acres sold	-	-	-	109,000
" acres unsold	-	-	-	35,000
				144,000

	Farm Lots.			Park Lots.	Town Lots.	
	£.	s.	d.	£.	£.	£.
Total value at upset price	55,823	-	-	4,305	1,950	62,079.
Total sale price	100,341	-	-	10,609	8,382	119,332.
Average upset price per acre	-	10	3	-	-	-
Average price per acre for which they sold	-	18	6	-	-	-
Average advance upon the upset prices	80 per cent.			150 per cent.	325 per cent.	-

	£.
Total Amount sold	119,332
Upset Value of unsold land	10,398
	£. 135,730