

in connection with the Toronto Asylum, and it was intended that the proceeds of the sale of this surplus land in connection with the Lunatic Asylum should be devoted to the cost of these cottages, believing that the people of the Province would rather have the value of the land in the shape of additional accommodation for these unfortunates than have it used as at present in connection with the Toronto Asylum. There was an urgent demand for increased accommodation, and we felt ourselves justified in entering upon the erection of these cottages. Contracts have been let for eight cottages to be built at Mimico, with a capacity for 400 patients, and the whole cost of these we expect to be recouped from the sale of these asylum lands. Tenders were invited for the purchase of this land, the past season being thought by the Government a favorable one for placing it upon the market. Tenders were invited for sixteen acres in October last. The land was divided up into sixteen parcels. A number of tenders were received and several were accepted, and I may give the House the number of blocks disposed of, (I daresay most hon. gentlemen have seen the plan,) the names of purchasers, and the prices paid:—

Blocks "F" and "G," on Queen Street to the Land Security Company, at \$150 per foot frontage.

Blocks "J" and "K," on Queen Street to the same Company, at \$140 per foot.

Block "P," the Toronto Land and Investment Company, at \$25.55 per foot.

Blocks "Q" and "S," Ontario Industrial Loan and Investment Company, at \$25 per foot. These are rear blocks.

The tenders for the other nine blocks were declined, as the Government did not consider the price offered was the fair market value of the land. New tenders were invited again on the 27th December for the remaining blocks not sold. Of these tenders five were accepted:—Block "D," on Queen street, from the Land Security Company, at \$152.50 (I may say that the former offer for that block was \$140). Block "M" was allotted to A. McRoberts, at \$31.50 per foot; Block "O" to C. H. Nelson, at \$31.60; Block "R" to the Toronto Land and Investment Company, at \$32, and Block "T" to T. H. Ince, at \$25 per foot. Tenders for the three remaining blocks on Queen street were not accepted, as they were still