

the buildings I formerly mentioned that were supposed to be on the other Lot : this Lot and privileges are certainly the most valuable property in all this part of Upper Canada.

Lot No. 10, in the second Concession, River Rideau, comprises a valuable Mill site on the River Jacques, emptying into the Rideau ; broken Lots 10 and 11 cover the mouth of that River, and front on the Rideau River. These Lots, together with No. 11 in the second Concession, are in my opinion, worth 40s. to 50s. per acre ; the lands are good, and privileges great. Lot No. 40, first Concession, &c., on the Ottawa, might, and in fact will, and must be a continuation of Bytown, which will in a few years, be the most important Town in Upper Canada.

There is no one on the lands on the Rideau. There are squatters on No. 40, on the Ottawa, but I cannot find out that there are any on No. 39 or 38, (Ottawa.)

N. B. The second parcel of land sold out of the broken front of Lot No. 40, on the Ottawa, is as follows,—Firstly, from John LeBreton, out of the east half a water and land privilege, &c., to Samuel Stacey and George Lyman Bellows, both Foreigners. Samuel Stacey then sold out his right to the said George L. Bellows, then George L. Bellows sold to Henry Stacy, then Henry Stacy sold out to Henry Church, Henry Church then sold out to Matthew Cornell of Bytown, since dead ; this is as far as I can trace any sales or titles in the Bathurst District ; it has been a most extraordinary as well as an intricate transaction. The conveyances appear to be quit claims, which shews a doubt of the title. L. P. Sherwood and wife, sold the acre to the King, in 1829, February 24th.

Mr. Henry Sherwood professed to sell Lot No. 30, first Concession, Ottawa, and received a sum of money and gave a receipt, but gave no deed. Afterwards the Honorable L. P. Sherwood sold the same Lot, as I am informed, to Peter Aylwin, for \$1,400, but I can find no record or deed. In this sale there is a mystery ; this Lot will soon be worth £10,000, if not now.

Yours, &c.,

C. WATERS.

APPENDIX (B)

THURSDAY, 21st March, 1836.

The Committee met.

Charles Waters, Esquire, M. P., Ottawa District, called in and examined:

Question 1 What do you consider the fair value of the property in Nepean claimed by Mr. Randall's Heirs, and for which he has a Grant and Deed from the Crown dated in 1809 ?

Answer 1. The value of the property on the Ottawa River, embracing, as it does, water privileges of the first magnitude, and an extensive quarry of the first rate stone for building, and lying in the immediate vicinity of Bytown and over which Bytown would shortly extend if Plots were exposed to sale, is immense at the present moment, and from the commanding position of Bytown the increase in the value of this property must be very rapid and very great ; and which, together with the valuable property at the confluence of the River Jacques with the River Rideau, embracing as it does a most valuable Mill scite and other important advantages, I should consider the whole, were I the owner, worth about £20,000.

Question 2. Have you personally inspected and examined this property ?

Answer 2. I have.

Question 3. The statements by you and now shewn you [No. 42, above] are they not the results of personal inquiry by yourself on the property ?

Answer 3. They are the results of personal inquiry, made by myself on the property.