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NOW that the reading season has come the proprietor of the

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Woodstock, Oct 11th, 1860.

EVIDENCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATING THE "LAND-JOBBER" CHARGES.

Continued from last week.

Committee Room, Monday, March 18th.

Mr. Inches having been summoned by the Committee to appear this morning, presented himself at the hour named.

Question to Mr. Inches.

"Can you give any reason for rescinding the regulations of 1852, and adopting those of 1858?"

Answer. "It was thought desirable, if possible, to abridge them, in order to present all the regulations in force regarding land, whether by auction, or by labor, in our view. The Regulations regarding labor, were re-modelled by a committee of the Executive Council, who sent for me. I have no recollection of any particular objection being found with the old, except it might be their length. They were somewhat remodelled, but so far as I can recollect, not essentially altered in principle, with the exception of the extension from three months to two years, for making improvements."

"The words 'for actual settlement,' being left out, the omission was first organized by authority, in 1858."

Mr. Inches was then questioned as follows:—

Ques.—"Are you aware of public accounts for printing going before the Auditor, and after he had fixed the amount, a larger sum was paid by order of the Government?"

Ans. "I believe so, and I mention the case of the Carleton Sentinel; I think there were others, but cannot recollect them distinctly, after this lapse of time. I think the same thing was done with some of the St. John papers. I remember that the Provincial Secretary was applied to by the parties whose accounts were produced, and that he came in and saw the Surveyor General and myself on the subject. The Surveyor General was much opposed to the payment of the amount above what he had estimated, but in that, as in other matters, I told him it would be paid, and it was paid. It was in consequence of these irregularities, that the Surveyor General insisted upon a revision of the whole subject, and that a rule then to be laid down should be strictly adhered to for the future. There was an alleged misconception, on the part of some of the Editors, of the previous instructions in some cases. The rule referred to, was to regulate the distribution of advertisements."

(From the Official Evidence.)

Question.—Do we understand by you that the Carleton Sentinel and other papers referred to were paid for services never performed?

Answer.—Oh no, in no case, there is nothing in my evidence to convey such a meaning.

The papers in St. John receiving Government patronage in connection with the Crown Land Office are the Religious Intelligencer, Christian Visitor, Colonial Presbyterian, these three, all from one office until lately, the Colonial Presbyterian is now in the name of Mr. Livingstone; Morning Globe, Constitution, Morning News, Courier, and Temperance Telegraph. Advertising has become an institution, and is done to distribute patronage, at the same time, as far as possible, to disseminate information to the public. I imagine the information could be had as well by advertising in two papers in Saint John as eight.

Timber advertisements, with the exception of the first July sales, appear in the St. Croix Herald and the Saint John papers, for Restigouche, this arises from the difficulty of discriminating.

I have no doubt but the St. John papers circulate in Restigouche.

I do not recollect of an Account for £80 being rendered by a Saint John paper, being reduced to £20 by the Auditor, but afterwards paid in full.

The Provincial Secretary got from me copies of Regulations to send to the parties who had applied for lands under the Labor Act on Ryder's Brook.

The lands were located to them, and their names written down in pencil on the plans, that being the ordinary way. The Warrants of survey provides for the re-opening of such lands to other parties in four months, if the first applicants fail in getting the survey made, but this is practically disregarded, and was so in this instance. Other applications were made to a large extent after the four months had expired, forwarded by Deputy Snell, for the same lands. I mentioned this to Mr. Tilley, and he then produced the document handed in by me in evidence, from seventeen or eighteen of the first applicants, it reads as follows:—

"The Hon. Provincial Secretary,

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, have agreed to take the land applied for by us under the Labor Act, and comply with the conditions therein required:—

John McLaughlin, Geo. N. Robinson, G. W. Robinson, Jun., L. McMann, J. Gerow, Sam. B. Estey, Robert Polley, John Wright, E. McNicholl, E. B. DeMill, James DeMill, A. H. DeMill, H. S. Fillmore, W. F. Brooks, Lemuel Fillmore, E. S. Perkins, per Sol. Perkins, Jr., E. S. Perkins.

St. John, N. B. March 20, 1858."

In this they repeat their intention to settle, and desire to get the lands. This was done after their particular attention had been drawn to the regulations. In consequence thereof the lands were still reserved for them for a considerable additional time, and the difficulty was only got rid of by a formal notice which I afterwards sent to John McLaughlin, for himself and the others.

It was in consequence of the letter handed to me by Mr. Tilley that they were continued.

I think they were still in occupation at the time Mr. Wilmot moved his Resolution in the House.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. McLaughlin, viz:—

"Crown Land Office, Dec. 22, 1858.

"Mr. John McLaughlin, St. John,

"Sir,—Herewith, by desire of the Surveyor General, I enclose a Plan of a Survey by Deputy Arnold, of 1600 acres of Crown Land on the new road from Butternut Ridge to New Canaan River, at Rider's Brook. This land was surveyed for parties who desired to buy at auction, but it has been reserved because of the prior applications of yourself and others for lots there under the Labor Act.

"If you desire to purchase, as stated in your letter to the Provincial Secretary of the 20th of March last, you are requested to return the plan to this office forthwith, with the name written on each lot of the person who selects it.

"Should the land be required in order to satisfy the applications of the others who also applied in 1857, a Warrant of Survey will issue, directing Deputy Snell to lay out lots for them, and to reserve, on each lot, one acre for the person named on their application to him for that purpose. The charge by Deputy Arnold for surveying the 1600 acres is 25s. per lot, which sum must be paid by the persons who select.

"Selection is required to be made before the first day of February next, otherwise the applications will be set aside, and the lands again become vacant.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) ANDREW INCHES."

"P. S.—You are requested to be so good as to communicate the above to all parties concerned so far at least as you conveniently can."

The following is a copy of the letter in question:

THE HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY:

Sir,—We the undersigned have agreed to take the land applied for by us, under the Labouring Act, and comply with the conditions therein required.

John McLaughlin, Geo. W. Robinson, L. McMann, J. Gerow, Sam. B. Estey, Robert Polley, John J. Wright, E. B. DeMill, James DeMill, A. H. DeMill, H. S. Fillmore, W. F. Brooks, E. S. Perkins, Lemuel Fillmore.

per L. C. L. Perkins; Lemuel Fillmore.

Mr. Inches proceeded:—

"I have now the date. A letter to John McLaughlin dated Dec. 22nd, 1858. It was only when this expired that we got rid of the applications. The date of those applications is Dec. 1857, from S. Alward, H. Chapman, Judson Keith, W. Chapman, Elisha Keith, under the Labor Act; Thos. P. Rosburn, M. Brewer, John Duggan, Jas. Crabb, Robert Davis, W. M. Dunn, F. Parker, Geo. Bonnell, Thos. Darius, Wm. Lynch, D. Tupper, Wm. Fowler, John Ross, Isaac Bonnell, A. T. Evans, Jas. Brown, Robert Rees, Jas. Turner, P. Lynch, John Bonnell; these latter were by auction.

"The above are the names of the applicants for the land on Washademoak, after the land had been locked up by the St. John applicants.—These for the time, were kept back from Dec. 1857, to Feb. 1859. At that time, we wrote Deputy Snell that they could have the land. I understood from Deputy Snell, that the lands have again been opened for License, and so great a time had elapsed, they did not care about it, so nothing has been done."

(From the Official Evidence.)

Ques.—From your knowledge of the business transacted in the Crown Land Office, do you believe the supporters of the Government were more favoured as to anything they might have done, than those opposed to them?

Ans.—Certainly not as to the Surveyor General.

Ques.—Do you know of any other Member of the Government who has?

Ans.—Members of the Government as well as other Members of Legislature, apply on behalf of their constituents. I have stated in my previous evidence, that I perceive that applicants whose cases had to be referred to the Attorney General, were not attended to as well as those who had some political interest.

I am not aware that there was any words added to the certificates bearing Deputy Stiles' signature, relative to lands applied for under the Labor Act, which would alter the character or effect of the certificate.

I have no knowledge of the certificate produced by Mr. Stiles not being signed by the party.

I do not know by whose application Deputy Stiles was dismissed.

Deputy Carruthers has been fully dismissed; there seemed to be numerous complaints against him, more especially from the Members of the County. An investigation was ordered by a Member of the Executive; I cannot recollect of any decided result; some of the charges understood were not proven, but the result was not generally favourable. The report was made last summer by the Hon. P. Mitchell; there seemed to be no doubt on the minds of the Executive that he had become an unsuitable person from various causes. I recollect some of the charges against him, but cannot say whether they were proven or not. One was that he had got a grant of land for a party who said he had never done the labour—the party's name was Arsenau—but that he had done labor for the Deputy in building a barn; this was stated by Arsenau; it was a considerable time before his suspension that this happened. I have already stated that I could not say whether that charge was proven against him or not. There were several charges of a very serious nature against him in the office, we therefore discontinued sending him orders. The Members of the County reported the matter to the Executive, and the latter ordered an investigation, but it had been kept in abeyance.

I never saw any Report but the one in blank already in evidence.

The chief portion of the correspondence in the Crown Land Office is done by the Chief Draftsman. The correspondence has been increased yearly.

The Chairman then, by Resolution of the House, put the following question, viz:—

Who were the persons in partnership or concerned with you in the purchase of the Crown Lands?

Answer by Mr. Inches.—If the Committee will allow me until 2 o'clock, I will reply to the question.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Inches requested that the petition to James Johnson, signed by S. L. Tilley, as agent, be entered as evidence; the Committee have concurred in the same, it is as follows:—

"To His Excellency the Honorable John Henry Thomas Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c., &c., &c.

"The petition of James Johnson, humbly sheweth:—

"That he is a British subject, and desirous of purchasing, for actual settlement, 200 acres of Crown Land situate as follows:—Lots 6 and 7, Block 11, South of Annagance.

"(Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licenses applied for previous to the application for the purchase of the land.)

"Agreeably to the Regulations passed in Council on the 11th May 1843.

"And as in duty bound will ever pray,

JAMES JOHNSON, per S. L. TILLEY.

LAND SITUATED.

County, [Par. or Sect. No. and ex. of Lot &c. No. of Acs. &c.]

West'd of Salisbury. 200 ac. Not Not Yes

"The Petition to be signed by the applicant, and the columns of the blank return to be filled up and signed by the Deputy Surveyor."

The Chairman again asked Mr. Inches if he was now prepared to answer the question as put to him in the morning under Resolution of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Inches answered as follows:—

Before being sworn, I distinctly stated that I would not and could not divulge the names of my partners in the purchase of lands near the Railway, and that that would be the only reservation I would make.

The Committee administered the oath, and accepted my evidence upon this understanding; and I recollect that it reminded me thereof when unwilling to speak in regard to Mr. Partelow.