

them—or were likely to do so. This would tend to expedite and procure the escheat of many of those tracts of land, which it has already been stated, are held by absent proprietors, and others, who to all appearance, have no intention of ever employing any exertions to have them improved.

It would, also, be well, that, in cases where the persons to whom they had delivered any such tickets as have been mentioned, did not within one year, or any other limited time, settle or make improvements upon the lots for which they were given, they should be authorized to assign such lots to other individuals, who should be desirous of settling thereon.

It would further be indispensibly requisite, that sums of money should be granted from the revenues of the country, and placed at the disposal of such Boards: out of which, they might defray the expences of making such surveys, and other charges, which would be necessarily attendant upon the execution of many of the powers and duties which they would be called upon to exercise and perform. They might, also, with great propriety, and advantage, be authorized to pay out of such sums, the fees for the obtaining of grants, in cases where the persons to whom they were made, were in such indigent circumstances, that they could not immediately advance them. For securing repayment, they could take from such persons, notes, or other securities, payable at stated periods, to their treasurers or secretaries; whose duty it should be—to collect the sums of money due thereupon, and pay the same, into the treasury of the Province, or in any other manner which might be prescribed.

Such, are merely the outlines of what might be improved into a regular, and well connected system; and through which might be effected, the most beneficial re-