

APPENDIX No. 2.

Q. Who suggested you should go to Durham and Elgin?—A. Mr. Fisher, for this reason, that we were bound to Central Ontario and Western Ontario, and the idea was if I remember right, that taking these two points would give us some idea as regards the general trend.

Q. You only gave I presume a very cursory examination?—A. I took every sale that occurred in 1897, 1898, 1899, up to 1900, all the report contains. I took the register and took each point and where there was a property sold, in any of these four years, then I traced it back to see if it was sold in previous years, and if it had I traced the sale back until I got the full history of the lot.

Q. Now taking for instance, we will go back to 1886. You have taken them from 1886, 1883, in fact as far back as 1876?—A. 1866.

Q. 1866?—A. Yes.

Q. Now do you mean to say that you have in this report recorded absolutely every sale that occurred during these periods?—A. Between these periods.

Q. In every one?—A. In that particular report.

Q. Yes?—A. Between the dates mentioned.

Q. Now we have access to the registry offices as you understand, to compare with your report?—A. That is right.

Q. Are you prepared to say you have embodied every sale, I will say in Elgin and Durham to commence with?—A. In that report.

Q. In this report and occurring between the periods named here?—A. Not in that report, although we have the record.

Q. In what report did you embody it?—A. I have a complete statement. I analyzed the whole thing in a form that is cumbersome, and we could not make much out of it.

Q. Did you make a report to the Minister?—A. I think Mr. Fisher did see the tabulated form, but it was not of much use, because it was too complicated.

By Mr. Wade :

Q. Then you have not embodied every sale that occurred in Elgin and Durham between 1866 and 1900?—A. Did I not tell you I only took three or four years in Elgin and Durham, but it is every sale in Carleton County between the dates mentioned there.

Q. I am not asking you about Carleton or property sold twice, I am talking about Elgin and Durham?—A. There is no sale that refers to any year for Elgin or Durham until 1897, 98, 99 and 1900.

Q. I do not quite understand your report. I will take for instance here in 1886, I see Elgin is here, just look at the year 1886 in Elgin there, see, though you do not record sales?—A. It is rather difficult for me to make plain, I must admit. I thought I had done it in a way that almost anyone could understand it. You will understand that if these properties, I think if you read the first line here you can't misunderstand it. Here is 14 were sold in 1886.

Q. I will take this one. Now I will take this, now we will take the year 1886, now you have parallel columns, showing the increase and decrease?—A. Exactly.

Q. For each county commencing with Carleton, Elgin, Durham and Prince Edward Island?—A. Yes.

Q. Now I will take commencing with the year 1886, in that column of prices of farms bought and sold?—A. Yes, they were bought in this year 1886 and sold in 1897.

Q. Sold in 1897, yes. The decrease you show there in Carleton was 22.72?—A. That is right.

Q. And the decrease in Elgin was?—A. 52.77.

Q. And in Durham you say there were no sales?—A. There were no sales occurred in 1897 of any property that was sold in that year 1886.

Q. Then you mean to tell me there were absolutely no sales in Durham during that year?—A. No, I admit that it is pretty hard to understand. But it will not take you long to understand, you will see that there were no farms sold in this year 1886 that were sold again, in this year '96, I can only base my comparisons on properties