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

From the Colonial Empire. Committee Room, Thursday, March 14. [Before giving the proceedings of Thursday, we beg to supply an omission in the report of Wednesday's proceedings, occasioned by one sheet of our Reporter's manuscript not having reached us in time.]

In due time some of these emigrants arrived, and upon reaching the Settlement, expressed their surprise and disappointment that roads were not made and completed, as had been represented to them by Mr. Glass.

When the Committee met on Thursday morning, the business commenced by some amendments being made by Mr. Brown, to the evidence he gave on Wednesday. Mr. Brown said:—

First, I thought it was my duty to bring the reduction of expenses of my department under the notice of the Government. I did not put it on the schedule, because I thought that if the Council did not concur in my recommendations, it had better not appear at all.

[In the "Colonial Empire" of the 8th instant, it is stated by your Reporter that Mr. Inches to evidence said:—Mr. Marchie resides at St. Stephen; his purchases were made by applications in fictitious names, and hid off in his own name.]

Question.—"How long has the present system of selling the Crown Lands by auction, been in operation? and have any steps been taken at any time, by any Government to discontinue this mode of sale, except by the operations of the Labor Act, and the reserves of 1856?"

MR. GOWAN'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Robert Gowan, the Accountant in the Crown Land Office, was next sworn. He said:—"The Sales of the Lands to Mr. Tilley were made in May, June, and July, 1857, to two parties—James Johnson and Thomas B. Barker. They were, I think, I know Thomas B. Barker's were, recorded in his own name. I will get the documents, they will show best."

While Mr. Gowan was gone for the documents, Mr. Brown stated there was an anonymous article in the Head Quarters of March 13, about Local Appointments. Mr. Brown observed, that when he was examined with reference to these appointments, he had no idea of answering with regard to any appointments, except those of Local Deputies and Labor Commissioners, and not to any other appointment.

The sale to Johnson was on application in his own name, signed, "J. Johnson per S. L. Tilley," and was for 180 acres. With regard to the application for the 90 acres, those were applied for in the name of Wm. Taylor.

The two lots of the 300 acres sold in July, to Jas. Johnson, were applied for in the names of John Nixon, and William Smith, each being signed by S. L. Tilley as Agent.

These Lots were advertised for sale by "John Montgomery, Surveyor General," in the Royal Gazette, and the advertisement is dated, June 23, 1857.

200 acres, Lots 11 and 12, South, North Range, Block 18, Salisbury, John Nixon. 200 acres, Lot 13, 14, South, North Range, Block 18, Salisbury, Wm. Smith.

not acceded to the request of Mr. Tilley, to alter his address for information from the 1st to the 8th of June, 1857; he would have got the information desired; but by altering to the 8th, he was "thrown over," as the advertisement was dated "2nd June."

It is worthy of remark, that in the return of Crown Lands sold in 1857, see Appendix to Journals, 1858—Samuel Leonard Tilley appears as purchaser of 270 acres only. The 1,280 acres appear as follows:—

Records 12,904 to 12,906, Barker, Thos. B.; 1,208 acres; price, £192. Discount, £38 8s. 0d. Paid Deputy, £153 12s. 0d.

The 400 acres purchased by James Johnson, appears thus:— Record 12,963, Johnson, James; 400 acres, Price £60. Discount £12; Paid Deputy £48.

The record of sale to Johnson in May, and transferred to Mr. Tilley was delivered by me to the Grant Clerk, the 9th Sept., 1857. It was sent to the office of Att'y Gen'l on the 16th Dec., 1857, and finally to office of Prov. Sec'y, on the 8th Jan., 1858.

I think that when I have shown you from a document written by a man now dead, but who was accurate, and which was in particular made up every day as the events transpired, it is not necessary to say that the documents which were in the office of the Secretary, on the 23rd of Feb., could scarcely be altered by Mr. Inches, in March if he desired.

In reference to the Freeman, Mr. Wilmot questioned Mr. Gowan, as to whether he had, at any time tried, while Surveyor General, the suppression of the circulation of the Royal Gazette, by stopping them from being sent to the Deputies, and did so to prevent the circumstances about Mount Theobald being known?

Mr. Gowan replied:—"I will answer this from the documents I have in my hand. Mr. Simpson, the Queen's Printer, and Publisher of the Royal Gazette, sends into our Office half-yearly accounts for expenses incurred in connection with our Department. These accounts contain, among other items, a charge for copies of the Gazettes sent to the Deputy Surveyors.

"This was during the time Mr. Wilmot was Surveyor General. I am not aware of Mr. Wilmot interfering in any way, with the distribution of these Gazettes, and I am quite satisfied Mr. Simpson would not have charge for these, if they had not been sent. I am of opinion that the statement alluded to is false."