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Rush of Settlers to St. John River Section—The Old County of Sunbury—The Formation of a Land Company Which Obtained Grant of Five Townships.

W. O. RAYMOND, LL. D. CHAPTER XIX. THE OLD COUNTY OF SUNBURY AND ITS TOWNSHIPS.

A great impetus was given to the settlement of the wilderness parts of Nova Scotia by the proclamations issued by Governor Lawrence in 1758 and 1759 offering free grants of lands to those who would become settlers.

The Terms of Grant. This land boom, if we may so term it, had the effect at first of stimulating the settlement of the country, but it was, to say the least, very doubtful whether subsequent growth and development were not retarded by the rashness of Governor Wilnot and his council in giving away the unsettled lands from the power of the crown and the people in so prodigal a fashion.

First—The payment of a yearly quit rent of one shilling sterling to be made on Michaelmas day for every fifty acres, the quit rent to commence at the expiration of ten years from the date of the grant.

Second—The grantee to plant, cultivate and improve, or inclose, one-third part within ten years, one-third part within twenty years and the remaining third part within thirty years from the date of the grant, or otherwise to forfeit such lands as shall not be actually under improvement and cultivation.

Third—To plant within ten years one rood of every thousand acres with hemp, and to keep up the same or a like quantity during the successive years.

Fourth—For the more effectual settling of the lands within the province the grantees shall settle on every five hundred acres one family at least with proper stock and materials for improvement of the said lands within two years of date of grant.

The arrival of so considerable a number of English speaking inhabitants as came to the River St. John in the course of a few years after Lawrence had published his proclamations, rendered it necessary that measures should be adopted for their government.

County of Sunbury. The first intimation we have of the formation of the new county is contained in a letter of James Simonds to William Haysen, dated at Halifax, March 18, 1765, in which the former writes: "I am just arrived here on the business of the inhabitants of St. John's."

Might Have Been No Loyalist City. The County of Sunbury did not, as has been commonly supposed, include the whole of the present Province of New Brunswick.

A Land Company. Capt. Beamsley Glazier and Capt. Thomas Falconer were the active agents of an association or society, composed of more than sixty individuals, who designed to secure and settle half a million acres of land on the River St. John.

The company obtained in October, 1765, a grant of five townships on the River St. John known as the townships of Conway, Gage, Burton, Sunbury and New.

1. Conway, 50,000 acres, included in its bounds the parish of Lancaster and a part of Westfield extending from the mouth of the river up as far as Brandy Point.

2. Gage or Gage-town, 100,000 acres, extended from Onabog to Swan Creek and included the present parish of Gagetown.

3. Burton, 100,000 acres, extended from Swan Creek to the River Oromotto, including the present parish of Burton and part of the adjoining parish of Blissville.

4. Sunbury, 125,000 acres, began at Old Mill Creek, a little below Fredericton, and extended up the river as far as Long's Creek, including the parish of Fredericton, the parish of New Maryland and the parish of Kingsclear.

5. New Town extended about eight miles up the river from the Township of Marguerville on the east side opposite Fredericton and at first contained 20,000 acres, afterwards increased to 40,000.

The Site of Gibson's Mills. It is an interesting circumstance that the site upon which Alexander Gibson's mills at Marysville stand today, was selected by Beamsley Glazier and his associates in 1765 as the most desirable mill site along the St. John river.

It was in the month of July, 1766, the ship "Peggy and Molly" sailed from Newburyport for St. John and on the way she called at Portsmouth and took on board

the last of the conditions above quoted was a somewhat variable one, and is sometimes found in this form, "The grantees shall settle one-fourth part within one year, the proportion of one family of Protestants (to consist at least of four persons) to every thousand acres, one-fourth part within two years, another fourth part within three years, and the remaining fourth part within four years, otherwise the lands remaining unsettled to revert to the crown."

It was after the same English secretary of state that the city of Halifax was named in 1749.

Capt. Beamsley Glazier and five mill-wrights, Jonathan Young, Hecckiah Young, Joseph P. Lestrang Quimby and John Sunburn each of whom paid Simonds & White 20 shillings passage money.

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