

revising such Tariff, or from making regulations in respect to trade and the protection of the revenue—due care being taken that any alterations to be made shall not diminish the nett income of the Province below the amount collected or to be collected in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one: and that changes which may so operate, shall, before becoming Law, be reported to and approved of by Her Majesty's Government.

### **An Act relative to the Crown Land Department.**

1. The Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands shall hereafter be styled "Commissioner of Crown Lands."

2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in addition to his present duties, when so required by the Governor in Council:

To cause a survey to be made of all the Crown Lands within ten miles on each side of any line of Railroad which may be first put under Contract in this Province—such Lands to be laid off in lots of 100 acres each, except in the neighbourhood of any Railway Station, or other desirable locality, where Town Lots of smaller dimensions may be laid off.

To prepare and cause to be lithographed, plans or maps of such Lands, with the lots numbered, and the course of the Railroad, or of any streams or public roads running through the same, and the price of the lots clearly indicated thereon.

To sell, without reference or delay, and where there is no adverse possession, at such price as may have been affixed by order of the Governor in Council, any such lot, to which the title of the Crown is clear.

To forward to every Emigrant Agent in the United Kingdom copies of such plans, with a public advertisement of the Lands thus offered for sale.

To correspond with the Commissioners of Lands and Emigration in the United Kingdom, or other legally constituted authorities within the same, supplying them, from time to time, with information, and co-operating with them for the speedy sale and settlement of the public lands.

To collect, through the Deputy Surveyors in each County, annual returns of the number of Tradesmen, Mechanics, Laborers, and Apprentices, which the formed settlements in such Counties would probably require.

To transmit copies of such Returns to the Commissioners of Lands and Emigration in December, in each year, and generally to superintend and facilitate the transmission and location of such Immigrants as may land at any port within the Province, of which he shall have due notice.

3. The Governor in Council may from time to time modify, alter or change the above regulations, such alterations to be published in the Royal Gazette, and laid before the Legislature at the next ensuing Session.

4. The Commissioner of Crown Lands, and any Deputy Surveyor who may be commissioned for the purpose by the Governor, shall be the legal guardian of such young persons as may be landed in the Province, under the authority and at the expence of the Commissioners of Land and Emigration or of any legally constituted Board, having the sanction of Her Majesty's Government—such officers having power to bind, by Indenture, such young persons until they are twenty-one years of age, and to protect them from ill treatment or neglect, by appeal to the ordinary tribunals, in as ample a manner as other apprentices are now protected by Law; but no greater number of such young persons shall be so protected than shall have been forwarded to the Province on requisition from the Commissioner of Crown Lands; and the expence of maintaining them after their arrival, and forwarding them to their destination, and of the requisite Indentures, shall be paid or refunded by the persons to whom they are bound.