

warrant of survey for a tract of forest land in the present county of Antigonish had been obtained by a man who had it surveyed and marked off to him, and if I recollect rightly had made some clearance on it. About the same time, or shortly after, a priest residing in that quarter obtained a similar warrant of survey, and either by some blundering in the warrant, or by a surveyor, on laying off this last tract it took in a part or the whole of the former tract, and the owner of it was under the necessity of applying by petition to the Governor to be confirmed in his possession of the land. I was one of the members for the county at the time and with my colleague presented the petition to Sir John. He promptly appointed an early time for hearing and determining the case, and notified the Attorney General, the Surveyor General, the Provincial Secretary, us the county members, and the priest to attend at his examination of the case. We all met Sir John at Government House and he made all needful and pointed enquiries from all those public officers, and all the rest of us, and after his full investigations all round and receiving and considering all the information he addressed the priest to this effect: the petitioner, sir, must not be disturbed in his possession, he must have the land and you must get your tract in some other quarter, and thus it was settled. It was on the day the mail packet for England was to sail, and he kept her waiting about an hour or more until this land case was determined.

There is an event of a public and very serious nature, which occurred so many years ago that there can, *now*, be but few persons in the province except myself