

sixty thousand acres. It is however, very possible, that within one year we could not effect the construction of ten miles of road in any territory ; and settle two hundred lots of land ; well then, let us strike off one half, say five miles and one hundred lots, and compare the progress of settlement according to the proposed plan, with the progress of settlement on the free grant lands ; for speed of settlement is an element which should also enter into our calculations. We think it was in 1855 that the Opengo road was opened, and Mr. French appointed agent, since then five other free colonization roads have been opened in Upper Canada, and we find that on *all* these roads there are not much over 100,000 acres occupied by a population somewhat under five thousand persons. Now, according to the system we have suggested, even supposing we could only effect half of what we at first proposed, in five years we would in our three Lower Canada territories settle 150,000 acres, and add seven thousand five hundred persons to the population instead of five thousand ; and if our original proposition were carried out which, by a judicious energy could be done, in ten years we would have settled in Eastern and Western Canada, one million two hundred thousand acres