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FARMERS OF CARLETON AND VICTORIA,—How do you like the idea of your sons being compelled to seek locations for settlement in the rear of large blocks of the best lands, held by capitalist, or pay their prices for the more desirable locations? By the speculations in Crown Lands which have been carried on these few years past, by the men we place in power and offices of trust, this condition of things has been brought upon us.

We are taking measures for an exposé of the procurement of Crown Lands in this section of the Province. The disclosures following are from the *Colonial Empire* of the 25th ult.:

LAND JOBBING IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

For some time past, it has been rumored that extensive tracts of Crown Lands had been taken up by wealthy persons on speculation; and there was much grumbling and complaint when it was found, that along the line of Railway, between this City and Shediac, nearly every acre had been quietly disposed of, more especially, all the valuable lands near the Railway stations in King's and Westmorland Counties.

We have ascertained beyond a doubt, that such has really been the case, and we proceed to-day to develop a portion of this extensive Land Jobbing, from authentic information obtained at the office of the Provincial Secretary, and from the Registers of Deeds, in the Counties of Westmorland and Albert.

We give the names of the grantees precisely as they stand in the Grants, it not being customary, in this Province, to give the residence, or any description, of the Grantee. We begin with:—

TEN GRANTS IN 1860 TO ROBERT FERGUSON.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
Jan. 16.	Sussex and Havelock, King's	100
" "	" " " "	200
" 25.	Salisbury, Westmorland	100
March 5.	Salisbury and Elgin, Westmorl'd and Albert,	630
" "	Elgin Albert,	250
" 14.	Salisbury and Elgin, Westmorl'd and Albert,	400
May 8.	Elgin, Albert,	280
" "	" "	500
" "	Salisbury, Westmorland,	400
" 10	Elgin, Albert,	994
	Total,	3854

Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four Acres to Robert Ferguson, between January 16th, and May 10, 1860.

We follow this with a larger quantity:—

FIFTEEN GRANTS IN 1860, TO RICH. HUTCHISON.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
May 8.	Salisbury. Westmorland,	100
" "	" "	270
" "	" "	490
" "	" "	100
" "	" "	195
" "	" "	300
" "	" "	200
" "	" "	100
" "	Moncton and Salisbury, West'l'd,	1,000
July 10.	Moncton, Westmorland,	230
Aug. 10.	Salisbury,	245
" "	Moncton,	645
" "	" "	740
" "	" "	365
"	Sussex, King's,	55
	Total,	5,035

Five Thousand and Thirty-Five acres to Richard Hutchison, between May 8th and August 10th 1860.

Next we have—

FOUR GRANTS, IN 1859 AND 1860, TO LEWIS. J ALMON.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
1859.		
Aug. 13,	Salisbury, Westmorland,	1400
1860.		
Mar. 5,	" "	800
May 15,	" "	524
" 28,	Coverdale, Albert,	373
	Total,	3097

Three Thousand and Ninety-seven Acres to Lewis J. Almon, between August 13th, 1859, and May 28th, 1860. Then we have:

TWO GRANTS IN 1860, TO JAMES MURCHIE.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
May 22,	Moncton, Westmorland,	1000
July 27,	Canterbury, York,	2065
	Total,	3065

Three Thousand and Sixty-five Acres to James Murchie, in May and July, 1860. This we follow with:—

FOUR GRANTS IN 1860, TO JOHN J. FRASER.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
July 30,	Alma, Albert Co.	200
Nov. 16,	Salisbury, Westmorland	500
" "	" "	200
" "	" "	200
	Total,	1100

Eleven Hundred Acres to John J. Fraser, in July and November 1860. But there is more of the same:—

TWO GRANTS IN 1860, TO JOHN J. FRASER AND ALEXANDER RANKIN.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
July 27.	Elgin, Albert Co.,	600
" 28	" " "	1000
	Total,	1600

Sixteen Hundred Acres to John J. Fraser and Alexander Rankin, in July, 1860.

Looking next to the Counties of York and Charlotte, we find the following:—

SIX GRANTS IN 1859 AND 1860. to JOHN MCADAM.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
1859.		
June 13.	Canterbury, York,	300
Nov. 21,	Dumfries, "	250
1860.		
March 5.	Canterbury, York,	782
" "	" "	150
" "	" "	200
" "	Dumfries, "	450
	Total	2132

Two Thousand. One Hundred and Thirty-two Acres to John McAdam, from June 13th 1859, to March 5th, 1860. But we have a still larger quantity in the next affair:

TWELVE GRANTS IN 1860 AND 1861, TO DANIEL GILLMOR.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
1860.		
Jan. 23.	St. Patrick. Charlotte,	342
" "	New Maryland, York,	647
" 25.	Prince William. "	570
Mar. 14.	Pennfield, Charlotte,	410
" "	" "	395
July 17.	" "	386
" 30.	Manners-Sutton York,	350
Aug. 9.	Prince William, York.	400
Nov. 19.	Pennfield, Charlotte,	1,000
1861.		
Jan. 17.	Manners-Sutton, York.	150
" "	Prince William, York,	200
" "	" " "	385
	Total	5235

Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Acres, to Daniel Gillmor, from January 23d, 1860. to January 17, 1861.

The aggregate of these Grants, in 1859, 1860, and 1861, is as follows:—

Robert Ferguson,	3,854	Acres.
Richard Hutchison,	5,035	"
Lewis J. Almon,	3,097	"
James Murchie,	3,065	"
John J. Fraser,	1,100	"
Fraser & Rankin,	1,600	"
John McAdam,	2,132	"
Daniel Gillmor,	5,235	"
Total,	25,118	Acres.

Twenty five thousand acres and upwards, granted to nine gentlemen within the last two years.

Yet this is not all. We find, on the authority of the Journals of the Assembly, that since 1855, many large tracts throughout the Province have been granted to various parties who certainly do not appear likely to become settlers. Among these we observe. Robert Robertson, in Albert, near the Petitcodiac Station, Fifteen Hundred acres; John D. McLean in the same vicinity, Eleven Hundred and sixty-five acres; to Thomas B. Barker, in Kings, twelve hundred and eighty acres; to Richard Seely, in Westmorland and Albert, one thousand and twenty-six acres; to Zecharia Chipman, in York three thousand one hundred and twenty-seven acres; to Japhet H. McAllister, in York, fifteen hundred and twenty five acres; to Ninian Lindsay, in York, seventeen hundred and twelve acres; to Lewis R. Fisher, in Carleton, one thousand acres; to David S. Gibson, in York, one thousand acres; to James Murchie, in York, previously to the large grants made him in 1860, twelve thousand, eight hundred, and fifty four acres; to George P. M. Campbell, in Kings, nine hundred acres; and to Robert Shives, in King's, eight hundred and seventy-five acres; besides many other tracts of three hundred acres and upwards, in their aggregate, covering a great extent of country.

But there is another phase of this affair, which we proceed to lay before our readers.

As everybody knows, the Honorable James Brown is at the head of the Crown Land Department; but everybody may not know, that Andrew Inches is at the head of the Crown Land Office, as Chief Draughtsman. Having for many years been in charge of the Land Sales under every Administration, he has become the actual Surveyor General, as the gentlemen who have filled that office, go in, and go out, with every change of the Executive. It would be supposed that he, of all persons, would be the last to traffic in Crown Lands especially in the face of the following regulation, among others, for the disposal of those Lands:—

"*Regulation* 4. No Local Deputy shall be permitted either directly or indirectly, to purchase or be in any manner interested in, any Crown Lands whatsoever."

As Chief Draughtsman, Mr. Inches is at the head of the Local Deputies throughout the Province. He receives their returns of Survey and of Land Sales, and has the general supervision of all their proceedings. Above all others, he should most carefully abstain from any connection with Crown Lands, under the Fourth Regulation, but he is far from having done so. We have to state some of his proceedings.

In the first place, Mr. Inches has recently become the grantee of some valuable tracts, in close proximity to the Petitcodiac Railway Station; and his brother appears to have been so fortunate as to obtain two grants in the same locality. Thus:

FOUR GRANTS, IN 1860, TO ANDEW INCHES.

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
Nov. 16.	Salisbury, Westmorland.	250
" "	" "	50
" "	" "	200
Dec. 17.	Moncton.	70
	Total,	570

Five hundred and seventy acres, in five well-selected tracts to Andrew Inches, in November and December last. Then we have the following:—

Three Grants in 1860, to Peter R. Inches.—

Date.	*Parish and County.*	*Acres.*
Nov. 16.	Studholm, Kings,	100
" "	Salisbury, Westmorland,	400
" "	" "	200
	Total,	700

Seven hundred acres, in November last, to Peter R. Inches, choice spots especially the six hundred acres near the Petitcodiac Station.

We next find, that all the lands in Westmorland County, granted to Richard Hutchison, were, immediately after the Grants issued in August last, conveyed to Andrew Inches. The certificate of the Register of Deeds for Westmorland, informs us, that Richard Hutchison and wife, by deed dated August 20th, 1860, and registered December 22nd, 1860, for the consideration of £1000, conveyed to Andrew Inches, four thousand nine hundred and eighty acres of land, being the Tracts described in fourteen of the Grants to Richard Hutchison above mentioned.

We have reason to believe that the Tracts of land granted to Richard Hutchison were not applied for by him; that he had no interest in them whatsoever, directly or indirectly; but whether his name was used with, or without, his consent we are not aware. No doubt he will soon have an opportunity of giving a full explanation, which will relieve him from all imputation in the matter.

As an illustration of this mode of obtaining Grants of Land, in the name of parties who had no interest in them, we mention the following case.

In May, 1859, seven Grants of Land, in the County of Westmorland, passed to James Vernon. They contained in all four thousand one hundred and twenty-five acres, very choice land, one part a short distance only from the Railway Station at Salisbury. Immediately after the issue of the Grants, of which Mr. Vernon was not aware, he was called upon by Andrew Inches to execute a conveyance of the lands therein mentioned, and also of one thousand five hundred acres, near Eel River, in the County of York, which had been conveyed by some person to Mr. Vernon, but in which he had no interest, nor of which he had any knowledge.

A copy of the deed executed by James Vernon and wife, on that occasion, certified by the Register of Deeds for Westmorland, is before us, and it fully bears out the statement that Mr. Vernon had nothing to do with the transaction. By this Deed dated May 14th, 1859, it appears that James Vernon and Wife, conveyed—"so far only as they, or either of them, lawfully can or may, and without any express or implied covenants, or obligations, on the part of him the said James Vernon either of warranty, or otherwise,"—all his and their right, title, interest, claim and demand to William Lauson, of the City of Dundee, in Scotland, Merchant, and to Charles Inches, of Mount Ericht, near the town or city of Bhirgowrie, in Scotland, Esquire, (brother of Andrew Inches) of and in the whole of the said lands in York and Westmorland, amounting to five thousand six hundred and twenty-five acres in the proportion of two-thirds to the said William Lauson and one-third to the said Charles Inches.

The singular terms of this Deed, by which Mr. Vernon absolved himself from all participation in the affair, shows clearly the nature of the transaction; and we have reason to believe, that in the case of Richard Hutchison, the transaction was precisely similar.

But we have not yet done with the land transactions of Andrew Inches.

We judge by the Certificate of the Register of Deeds for Albert County, that the name of Robert Ferguson has for years past been used to obtain grants of Crown Land. By a deed dated April 6th. 1856, Robert Ferguson conveyed to Andrew Inches five hundred acres of land, in the County of Albert, in Block No. 9.

By another Deed, also dated April 9th 1856 Robert Ferguson, described as of the parish of Addington, in the County of Restigouche, Gentleman, conveyed to Andrew Inches, and a highly respected citizen of St. John, jointly, two thousand four hundred acres of land, for the consideration of £750. This Citizen joined Andrew Inches in the purchase, at his request, by letter, stating it would be a good speculation. The Citizen paid for his half of the purchase, in cash, £375, being £81 more than the Government price for the whole 2,400 acres; and Andrew Inches now holds one-half or twelve hundred acres, free and clear.

By another Deed dated June 15th, 1857, but not registered until March 23rd, 1859, John J. Fraser conveyed to Andrew Inches, in consideration of £100 five hundred acres of land in the Parish of Elgin, County of Albert. This is not one of the grants of recent date to John J. Fraser, but an older affair.

By another Deed, dated March 17. 1859, John J. Fraser coveyed to Andrew Inches for the consideration of £625, One thousand acres of land, also in the parish of Elgin, Albert County.

We could go further, and exhibit various other transactions of Andrew Inches, in connection with this extensive system of Land-Jobbing, but we have said quite enough for the present to warrant us in the belief, that the House of Assembly will instantly raise a Committee to investigate the whole of these transactions throughout the Province, and ascertain by what means such extensive tracts of Land have been obtained by the Grantees—whether by means of fictitious applications under the Law for the disposal of Crown Lands by auction, or by evasion of the provisions of the Labor Act. If it should appear that any of these lands have been obtained by falsehood, or evasion, measures will of course be taken to escheat the grants, and revest the lands in the Crown. A Commitee of the House, we presume, will be constituted under the provisions of the Act of last secession (introduced by Mr. Grey) by which full power is given to any Committee either of the House of Asembly, or of the Legislative Council, to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine all witnesses on oath. Before such Committee, Andrew Inches will be able to defend his conduct, if he has a defence, and state for whom he stands Trustee, and for whose benefit beside his own, he has engaged in his Land-Jobbing. Other Gentlemen whose names have become mixed up with these transactions, will also have the opportunity of explaining how they were dragged into the matter, and "clearing their skirts" from every stain brought upon them by these extraordinary proceedings.

If so vicious system of disposing of the Crown Lands of New Brunswick as this, is suffered to be continued, all the best Timber lands and all the best lands for settlement and agricultural purposes, in the Southern and Western part of the Province, will be in the hands of mere speculators, in a very short time. Emigrants, and our own hardy backwoodsmen, will find it difficult to procure good settlement land, without paying an enhanced price, or going far away in the wilderness, in remote situations. This Land Jobbing has gone too far already, and should be stopped without a moment's delay. The system is still in "full blast," as it will be observed, that some of the Grants we mention, were issued so recently as Jan. 17th. 1861, and it appears to be increasing at a great rate.

There is yet another phase of this Land Jobbing, and its evils, in connection with Emigration and the settlement of the Province, which we will shortly develope. It is, if possible, more grievous than we have already stated.