

104 Trueman Kemton, purchase.....	16,000 acres
105 J. W. Wainwright, purchase.....	3,600 "
Total.....	1,404,500

or an average of 13,376.19 acres per owner.

DEFECTS IN SURVEYS.

The surveys were not managed better than the other branches of the Crown Lands service. The Surveyor-General, who had the exclusive control of this branch, generally did not occupy himself nearly so much in controlling the surveys as in the selection of the best lands which he pointed out to the favorites of the administration. That is what Lord Durham says in his famous Report on the affairs of British North America :

" I have already pointed out the importance of accurate surveys of the Public Lands. Without these there can be no security of property in land, no certainty even as to the position or boundaries of estates marked out in maps or named in title deeds.

" The consequences of this have been confusion and uncertainty in the possessions of almost every man, and no small amount of litigation. As to Lower Canada, the evidence is still more complete and satisfactory. The Commissioner of Crown Lands says, in answer to question : " I can instance two townships, Shellford and Orford (and how many more may prove inaccurate as question of boundary arise, it is impossible to say,) which are very inaccurate in their subdivision. On actual recent survey it has been found that no one lot agrees with the diagram on record. The lines dividing the lots, instead of running perpendicularly according to the diagram, actually run diagonally, the effect of which is necessarily to displace the whole of the lots, upwards of 300 in number, from their true position. The lines dividing the ranges are so irregular as to give to some lots two and a half times the extent of others, though they are all laid down in diagram as of equal extent ; there are lakes also which occupy nearly the whole of some lots that are entirely omitted : I have heard complaints of a similar nature respecting the township of Grenville. I have no reason for believing that the surveys of other townships are more accurate than those of Shellford and Orford, other than that in some parts of the country the same causes of error may not have existed."

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