

THE CROWN LANDS OF CANADA. *Canadian News*, May 8, 1862.—We are in receipt of the report of the Commissioners of Crown Lands of the operations of the department for the year ending December 31, last. The figures which are given are of a very satisfactory character, as showing the gradual filling up of the public lands. It appears that—

During the year 273,835 acres of Lower Canadian Crown lands were sold for \$126,043.90, and \$73,915.69 were received on account of sales and payments due on previous years. 9,811 acres of the same domain were disposed of for gratuitous locations on colonisation roads. 5,593,833 acres still remain for future disposal. The sales of Clergy lands during the same period amounted to 41,299 acres, the purchase money \$36,511, and the gross amount received for instalments, rents, &c., \$26,869, the which gave a nett revenue of \$21,480. 392,502 acres still remain unsold in this department. The Jesuits' estates returned a nett revenue of \$15,018, and the Crown domain \$6,105. The St. Maurice Forges, a branch of this latter department, were seized in virtue of a judgement obtained by the Crown for non-payment of the balance of the purchase price of the property, and sold on October 22, but not bringing the price set upon it by the Crown, were acquired by the latter for \$7,200, and are now for sale. The seigniory of Lauzon yielded \$12,569, or \$11,497 in nett receipts.

The Upper Canadian Crown lands realised \$338,153—257,933 acres being sold. During the same period 30,800 acres were granted gratuitously to settlers on the colonisation roads. At the close of the year 2,021,229 acres still remained undisposed of. In the Clergy reserves the sales amounted to 74,366 acres, the purchase money of which was \$181,674.37. The gross amount of the receipts was \$228,129, which, deducting \$60,099 for commissions, &c., gave a nett revenue of \$238,030 for appropriation under the provisions of the Clergy Reserves Act. There are 124,608 acres of these lands still undisposed of. The sale of Grammar School lands produced a nett revenue of \$17,678, and the sale and collec-