

MARKET PRIVILEGES IN UPPER CANADA.

The following document, furnished to us, as also to the Ontario Archives, by the Honourable Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, C.J., illustrates an important stage of early settlement life in Upper Canada, viz., the establishment of a public market, always an evidence of agricultural and commercial development in a new country. Among the earliest markets in Upper Canada were those at Kingston, York, Niagara, and Cornwall, which were provided for by statute, while the subjoined Letters Patent empowered the Sheriff of the District to establish a Fair or Mart.

Frank Town, the location of the market, was a village well situated for such a purpose, being on the old Richmond Road, an artery of traffic which served a large district. The village comprised lots Nos. 11, 12, and 13, in the 3rd concession of the township of Beckwith, county of Lanark. It is on the line of the Brockville branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about midway between Smith's Falls and Carleton Place. The village plot was surveyed by Josias Richey, D.L.S., in September, 1819. The river Jock traverses the village site from a south-easterly to a north-easterly direction. The plan of survey provided for a subdivision of the village site into twenty-four park lots of 25 acres each, with the usual Government reservations for clergy, public burial-ground, and other purposes.

The first settlers of the village were the following, whose patents were issued on the dates given below:—

Park lot No. 1, Thomas Wickham, 25 acres, May 9, 1826; No. 2, Patrick Nowlan, 25 acres, March 25, 1829; No. 3, Joseph Tutton, 25 acres, August 17th, 1829; No. 4, Owen Quinn, 25 acres, April 9, 1827; No. 5, John Fallon, 25 acres, February 20, 1830; No. 6, John Shaw, 19 acres, April 22, 1828; No. 7, Churchyard, 6 acres, March 30, 1827; No. 8, John Nesbitt, 25 acres, February 25, 1831; No. 9, Patrick Nowlan, 25 acres, June 11, 1832; No. 10, Owen MacCarthy, 25 acres, March 1, 1837; No. 11, John Nolan, 25 acres, May 8, 1826; No. 12, John Nesbitt, 25 acres, April 30, 1834; No. 13, Peter Fallon, 25 acres, February, 20, 1838; No. 14, Charles McCarthy, 25 acres, May 8, 1826;