

still to be surveyed 329,415½ acres, which have yet to be opened by means of Roads, Bridges, &c. to settlement, for which, and other works, still required, even in the settled portion of the Huron, so soon as the present works are completed, and the amount passed the Governor in Council, only about 13,000 pounds will remain.

In other works the expense of which is not noted in these statements, we have expended upwards of £7,000, which, had the Company deemed the improvement fund adequate to meet as well as to make the required Roads, Bridges, &c. yet to be constructed, might have been made under the above mentioned clauses.

The Company are further required to furnish a statement of the Lands purchased by them from Her Majesty's Government during the twelve years ending the 1st day of January, 1838, according to the spirit, intention, and meaning of the 30th article.

This we shall most willingly furnish as soon as time will admit of our doing so.

In the meanwhile, as it may be satisfactory and as bearing upon the subject in some measure of the present enquiries, and as shewing the gross quantity of Land, *actually* under Patent to the Canada Company, I beg leave to annex a copy of a document recently addressed by the Commissioners of the Canada Company to a Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council sitting upon a Bill lately sent up by the House of Assembly.

From this document it will also appear how very unfounded has been the assertion that the Canada Company avoid the payment of the Tax already imposed upon wild land by only taking out Patents to the extent of their sales of Land when the Tax falls upon the purchaser.

It is there shewn that the whole purchase made by the Company of Her Majesty's Government was 2,213,843 acres, of which are now under Patent to the Canada Company, unsold or unlocated Lands on which the Company are now paying the ordinary Taxes ^{Acres.} 711,505 already imposed upon Wild Lands. 692,282 located, and upon which the present occupiers pay those 'Taxes, 810,056 Remaining still vested in the Crown. 2,213,843

Or, it may be said, in round numbers that two-thirds of their contract term are now expired, during which period the Canada Company have taken out Patents for two-thirds of their purchase—that they have actually located one third of the whole purchase on which the Taxes are paid by the occupant—that they hold, unsold and unproductive to themselves, one-third, on which a large amount of Taxes has already been paid by the Company, and that the remaining third is applicable to the unexpired term of their contract.

We intended to have gone more fully into this and some other subjects here referred to, but since commencing this reply, we have received your further letter of the 30th ult., applying for a duplicate of a paper which we had the honor of addressing you last year, which contains all we could wish to have added.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servants,

WILLIAM ALLAN,

THOMAS MERCER JONES,

Commissioners of the Canada Company.

(See Documents annexed.)

CANADA COMPANY'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, 29th January, 1838.

GENTLEMEN,

Agreeably with your request of this morning, I beg to make the following remarks, which may be annexed to the Memoranda, that I had the honor of submitting for your consideration, on the 27th instant, relative to the Bill now before the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the Taxation of Lands, at *present* the property of the Crown, but which are to be *hereafter* in the fulfilment of the contract between them and Her Majesty's Government, to be Patented to the Canada Company.

Clause 21. of the first agreement made between the Earl Bathurst and the Canada Company, is as follows:

"During a period of fifteen years to commence and be computed from the 1st January, 1826, (subsequently extended to sixteen years commencing 1st July, 1826, per clause 9. of the second agreement, dated 23d May, 1826,) the Company shall, in each year, enter into