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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

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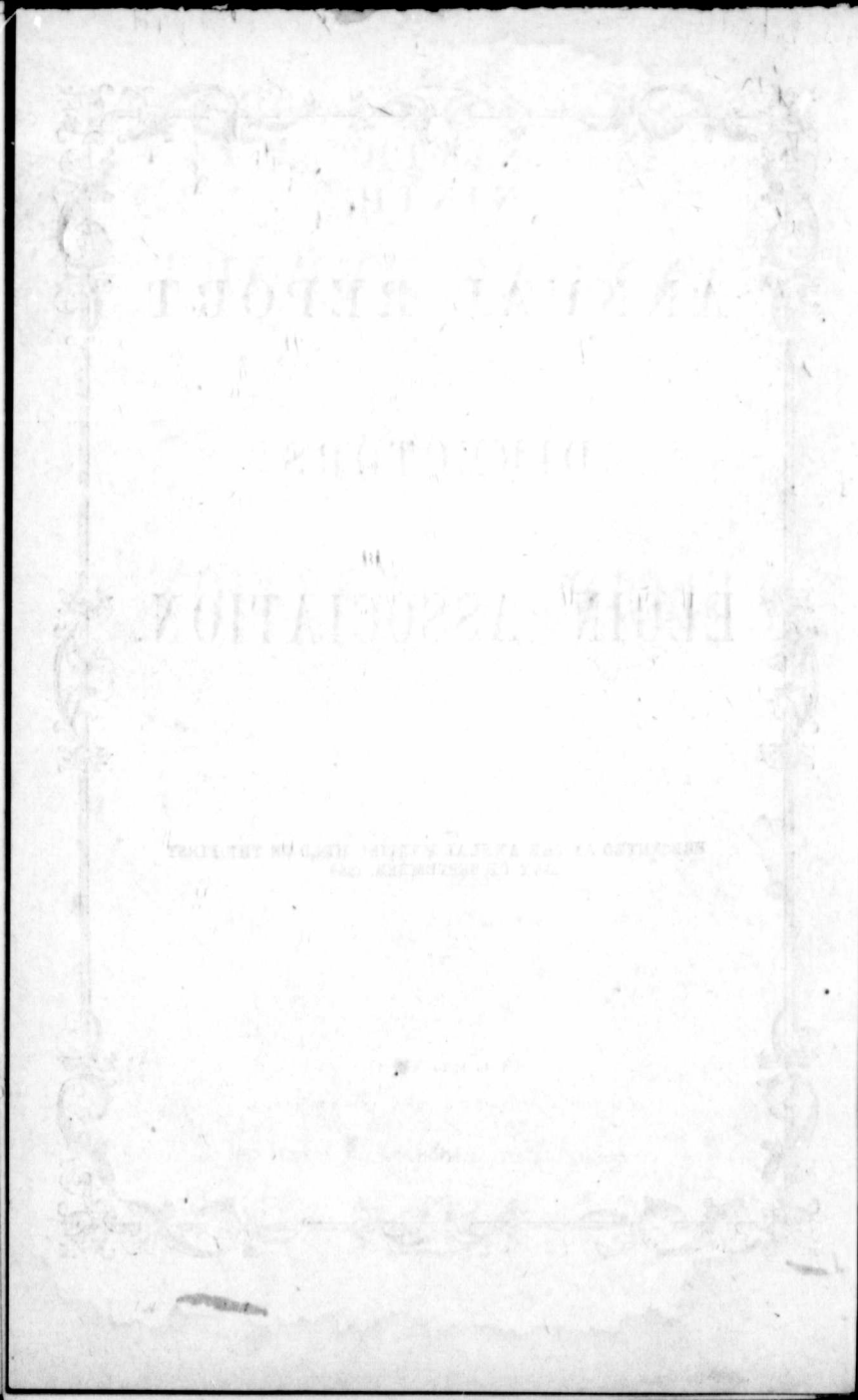
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# OFFICERS

ELECTED FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1858.

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## PRESIDENT.

PETER BROWN, ESQ.

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## VICE-PRESIDENTS.

REV. MICHAEL WILLIS, D.D.

" ROBERT BURNS, D.D.

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## TREASURER.

JAMES SCOTT HOWARD, ESQ.

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## SECRETARY.

NATHAN GATCHELL, ESQ.

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## DIRECTORS.

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" WILLIAM MILLER.  
" CHARLES ALLEN.  
" JOHN BIRRELL.  
" A. D. FERRIER.  
" W. CLARKE.  
" ALEX. KNAPP.  
" A. McKELLAR, M.P.P.  
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## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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In presenting the ninth annual report to the Stockholders of the Elgin Association ; the Directors have great pleasure in reporting that the health of the settlement continues good, and that considerable improvement has been made in clearing and opening up the land, building, and draining the roads.

They would acknowledge with gratitude their obligations to God for the measure of success that has attended their efforts, in placing those coloured families who have availed themselves of the privilege afforded by the Association in providing comfortable homes.

The year that has just past, has been one of great commercial distress throughout the whole country ; the settlement has suffered in common with other places ; still it is gratifying to the friends of the Association to know that the settlers are neither disheartened nor discouraged, although they had, and still have, difficulties to contend with, greater than the pecuniary embarrassment that has swept over the country. There has been a failure in the crops during the two last years, the wheat in particular has been wholly destroyed with the weevil, oats have been partly destroyed with the rust, and the corn after it was gathered last fall, a portion of it rotted in the crib. To meet these failures, the settlers have struggled hard and perseveringly. Buckwheat has been sown in July to meet the failure of the wheat and oats. Corn and potatoes have been planted to a greater extent this year than last ; should these crops mature, and be safely gathered, there is some hope that a sufficient quantity will be raised to supply the settlement during the ensuing year.

The number of acres cleared and under fence is 1,400, 300 are chopped down, and will be ready for crops in Spring ; of the land cleared up 500 is planted with Indian corn, 100 with

wheat. The latter has been completely destroyed with the weevil—in some places it has not been cut down; 80 acres are planted with oats, 160 with potatoes, 60 with buckwheat, and 500 with other green crops, such as peas, turnips, and clover. In consequence of the failure of the crops, the attention of the settlers has been more turned during the last year to the raising of stock. There has been a gradual increase in horses, cows, and oxen. Sheep cannot be raised with any profit until the land is better cleared, and the farms have better grass.

The number of oxen in the settlement is 80, cows 160, horses 90, hogs 300, and 40 sheep. In the first clearing of the land oxen are the only animals that are serviceable; when the land becomes better cleared and the stumps out, horses are of more use.

The steam saw and grist mill which has been erected at a considerable expense for the benefit of the settlement, has been of great use in supplying lumber for buildings and improvements; still there has been a drawback to its usefulness, for want of a proper market to dispose of the manufactured lumber. The oak which is the finest in the Province, has been estimated by competent judges at \$57,000; and if you add to this, the maple, beech, hickory, and white ash, which has been estimated at \$60,000, this, with a proper market would be worth \$117,000 to the settlement. Every year demonstrates more and more the necessity of providing some remunerating employment that will keep the settlers at home to attend to the clearing of their own farms. Hitherto a number of them have been in the habit of working out a part of the year. This practice has been attended with many disadvantages; the time which they spent away from home, has been lost to the improvement of their own farms, and their families have been neglected. Those who have done so, have made little improvement when compared with those who have endeavoured to remain all the time at home. Now, what is wanted for the settlers is, that all should be kept profitably employed at home. This can be done by providing a market for the products of the *Forest*.

The cutting and preparation of lumber for the market, would afford profitable employment when not employed in clearing, and would provide them with the means for the improvement of their farms, through the canals to the opposite lands of the settlement, the cargo of lumber, and go to

In connexion with the market has been established. This affords great advantage to the settlers, who have paid this year by the settlement of the former year, yet the number of instalments is greater than last year, all will have paid up before the end of the year. A number of houses have been built on the model, some of them of frame, and some added to the carpenter and joiner's last report.

The state of morals continues to be generally kept as a day of rest, and a day of worship. Nothing that is contrary to the peace of the settlement, and although some have been formed, yet no drunken parties have been since its commencement. Besides the classical school, there are ninety pupils, there are two more of the same number. A Sabbath school is conducted by the classical school, attended by ninety pupils. The school at Buxton, are now in session, a number more will soon be added, some are studying classics, and some higher education, in order to be of use.



The cutting and preparing the different kinds of wood for market, would afford profitable employment to the settlers when not employed in chopping and clearing their own farms, and would provide them with the means to spend more time in the improvement of their farms. Any vessel that can pass through the canals to the ocean, can come into the shore opposite the lands of the Elgin Association, and take in her cargo of lumber, and go to Liverpool without breaking bulk.

In connexion with the mill a pot and pearl ash factory has been established. This affords a market for the ashes made from burning the wood in clearing, and has been of great advantage to the settlers. Although less has been paid this year by the settlers on their lands, than on any former year, yet the number who have paid up the whole of their instalments is greater, and it is confidently expected that all will have paid up before the expiration of the tenth year. A number of houses have been put up this season above the model, some of them of frame, and a waggon shop has been added to the carpenter and blacksmith shop mentioned in the last report.

The state of morals continues good ; the Sabbath is generally kept as a day of rest, most of the settlers go to some place of worship. Nothing that intoxicates is manufactured or sold in the settlement, and although no temperance society has been formed, yet no drunken person has been seen in the settlement since its commencement. Education has not been neglected. Besides the classical school at Buxton, attended by about ninety pupils, there are two other district schools attended by the same number. A Sabbath school is in successful operation, conducted by the classical teacher and eight assistants, and attended by ninety pupils. Some who have been trained in the school at Buxton, are now usefully employed as teachers ; a number more will soon be ready for the same employment ; some are studying classics with the view of obtaining a higher education, in order to prepare themselves for future usefulness.

## ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

### ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

From commencement to 31st July, 1858.

#### RECEIPTS.

Stockholders—Instalments on Shares,.....	£ 539 16 0
Purchasers of Land in Payment,.....	1523 6 4
Interest on do. ....	92 10 9
Transfer Fees,.....	3 13 9
	£2159 6 10
	£2159 6 10

#### PAYMENTS.

Crown Land Department for Land and Interest,.....	£1611 4 8
Contingent Expenses, viz—Printing, Advertising, Station- ery, Blank Deeds, Premiums to Settlers, &c.,.....	261 1 0
Survey and Division of Land.....	13 10 0
Secretary's Salary,.....	232 10 0
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	41 1 2
	£2159 6 10
	£2159 6 10

Audited and found correct.

JOHN L. EBBELS, }  
ROBT. BEEKMAN, } AUDITORS.

Toronto, 31st August, 1858.

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" " in 1858..

To Expenses Account to 1857  
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" July, 1857,.....  
" " " 1858

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JOHN L. EBBELS, }  
ROBT. BEEKMAN }

Toronto, 31st August, 1858

ABSTRACT STATEMENT

OF THE

Affairs of the Elgin Association,

From the commencement to 31st July, 1858.

DR.

To Cash in Treasurer's hands,.....	£ 41 1 2	
TO SUNDRY PURCHASES OF LAND.		
For Amounts purchased in 1854, 1856,.....	£1187 10 0	
Less Amounts received to 1857, ..£1434 8 4		
"    "    in 1858,.....	101 17 3	
	<u>1536 5 7</u>	
		2651 4 5
To Expenses Account to 1857,.....	£493 15 9	
"    "    1858,.....	74 3 1	
	<u>567 18 10</u>	
		<u>£3260 4 5</u>

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By Stockholders for amount of Instalments paid, as per Schedule A, to 1854, .....		£551 0 0
By Crown Land Department for Land purchased, ..£2946 0 0		
Less Amounts paid, as per Vouchers, to the 31st July, 1857,.....	£1370 7 10	
"    "    "    1858,.....	26 5 0	
	<u>1396 12 10</u>	
		1549 7 2
By Profit and Loss, Real Estate Account,.....		<u>1159 17 3</u>
		<u>£3260 4 5</u>

N. GATCHELL, Sec'y. E. A.

Audited and found correct.

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Toronto, 31st August, 1858.

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## CASH ACCOUNT.

1858.	Dr.	
July 31.—To Balance in Treasurer's hands last year,.....		£52 14 9
" Instalments on Land, received this year,.....		101 17 3
		£154 17 0

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July 31.—By paid on Account of Lands purchased from Govern- ment,.....		£26 5 0
By Expense Account this year,.....		44 3 1
" Interest on do.,.....		13 7 9
" Secretary's Salary,.....		30 0 0
" Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....		41 1 2
		£154 17 0

J. S. HOWARD, TREASURER, E. A.

Audited and found correct.

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TORONTO, 31st August, 1856.

ASSETS A

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Amount of Balances due by P  
Amount due on first purchase  
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Interest to date,.....

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STATEMENT  
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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
OF THE  
ELGIN ASSOCIATION,

31st JULY, 1858.

Amount of Balances due by Purchasers of Land to date,.....	£3767 18 8
Amount due on first purchase of Land to the Government,.....	£763 16 8
9 years and 9 months Interest on same,.....	461 1 9
	£1224 18 5
Amount due, on 2nd purchase, to Government,.....	£779 0 0
7 years and 6 months Interest on same,.....	337 6 9
	1116 6 9
	£2341 5 2
Amount due Stockholders,.....	£551 0 0
Interest to date,.....	281 19 3
	832 19 3
	3174 4 5
Cash in Treasurer's hands this date,.....	£593 14 3
	41 1 2
	£634 15 5
Amount paid Commissioner of Crown Lands the last year, including interest,.....	39 12 9

N. GATCHELL, Sec'y E. A.

Since the accounts have been closed and audited, £23 15s. 10d. has been received by the Treasurer: it came to hand on the 27th August, 1858.

N. GATCHELL, Sec'y E. A.

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1 17 3  
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## LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS.

No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.
ALBION MILLS.	Thomas Bell..... 1	James McQueen..... 1
William Cook..... 2	Gabriel H. Green.... 1	Peter McLaren..... 1
AYR.	Benjamin Hunter.... 1	FINGAL.
Rev. Robert Lindsay. 1	Edmund Harrison.... 1	Robert Blackwood... 1
BROCKVILLE.	Henry Harrison.... 1	GWILLIMBURY, WEST.
Rev. John McMurray. 3	Jerry Johnson..... 1	Isaiah Irwin..... 1
Adriel Sherwood.... 1	Zike Frazer..... 1	Donald G. McKay.... 1
BELLEVILLE.	Enoch Roberts..... 1	GRAFTON.
Nichol Taylor..... 2		John Munro, Senr.... 1
Rufus Holden..... 2	CALEDONIA.	GALT.
BEACHVILLE.	Rev. And. Ferrier, D.D. 1	Rev. John Bayne.... 1
William Hook..... 1	George Brown..... 2	R. Ferrie (Doon Mills). 2
BEAMSVILLE.	John Brown..... 1	James Cowan..... 1
J. B. Osborne..... 11	John Scott..... 1	Peter Cook..... 1
R. Morrow..... 1	A. C. Buck..... 1	Adam Kerr..... 1
BUXTON.	CORNWALL.	A. H. Mowat..... 1
Rev. W. King..... 5	Rev. J. C. Quinn.... 1	Isaac Sours..... 1
W. Fields..... 1	COLLINGWOOD.	Morris C. Lutz..... 1
Green Due..... 1	Charles Stuart..... 1	Samuel Graham..... 1
Enos Johnston..... 1	DEMORESTVILLE.	GUELPH.
James Shry..... 1	Rev. James Rogers... 2	Rev. R. Torrance.... 1
Jerome Boom..... 1	George Boulter..... 1	John McLean..... 1
William Spriggs.... 1	Matilda Boulter.... 1	Alexander D. Ferrier. 2
Anderson Stewart... 1	DOVER.	Henry W. Peterson... 1
Samuel Anthony.... 1	Donald McColl..... 2	HALDIMAND.
BRAMPTON.	DUNDAS.	James Thomas..... 1
Samuel Wallace.... 1	William Dixon..... 1	HAMILTON.
John McCanness.... 1	James McIntyre.... 2	Rev. W. Ormiston... 1
BYTOWN.	James Hamilton.... 1	James Osborne..... 10
Rev. Noble F. English 1	James Coleman..... 2	Alexander Davidson.. 1
CAVAN.	Thomas H. McKenzie. 2	John Fisher..... 10
Alexander Robertson. 1	R. S. Hunter..... 1	Wm. P. McLaren..... 10
Archibald Robertson. 1	Wm. Miller..... 1	Eneas Kennedy..... 10
COLBORNE.	ELORA.	James Walker..... 1
Donald Robertson... 1	James Stock..... 1	D. McLellan..... 1
COBOURG.	Charles Allan..... 1	E. Cartright Thomas. 2
R. Kingan..... 1	EKFRID.	Richd. P. Street.... 2
Robert Hudspeth.... 1	William R. Sutherland. 1	Robert McKay..... 1
A. Jaffray..... 2	EMBRO.	James D. Mackay.... 1
CHINGUACOUSY.	John D. Dent..... 1	Adam Goldie..... 1
Thomas Wallace.... 1	William Sutherland.. 1	D. Buchanan..... 1
Robert Smith..... 1	FERGUS.	James Turner..... 1
CHATHAM.	Rev. G. Smillie.... 1	Fristrane Bickle.... 1
Rev. Angus McColl... 1	John Watt..... 1	R. W. Harris..... 1
Archibald McKellar.. 2	George Jardine.... 1	A. Wood..... 1
John Gleen..... 1	Robert Emond..... 1	Rev. Alexander Gale. 1
James C. Brown.... 1	Alex. D. Fordyce, jr. 1	N. D. Fisher..... 2

No. Shares.  
HOLLAND LANDING.  
Douglas Laidlaw..... 1 Re

INGERSOLL.  
R. H. Carroll..... 1 Re  
Rev. Robert Wallace. 1 Ar  
Daniel Carroll..... 1 W  
Joseph Barker..... 1 Re  
KINGSTON.  
Donald McKay..... 1 Th

LONDON.  
Charles Monsurra... 1 WI  
John Birrell..... 1 Ja  
John Michie..... 1 Ja  
John Frazer..... 1 Jo  
Samuel McBride.... 1  
William Begg..... 1 Re  
H. Chisholm..... 1 Al  
Edmond Raymond... 1  
Henry Matthewson.. 1 Al  
Thomas Craig..... 1  
Thomas C. Dixon.... 1 Re  
Willie Hall..... 1 He  
B. A. Mitchell..... 1 Jo  
G. M. Gunn..... 2 Al  
Lionel Ridout..... 1  
John Diamond..... 1 Jo  
William Clarke.... 1 Ja  
A. B. Jones..... 1  
Titus Balfield.... 1 Re  
John Reives..... 1 Wa  
Alexander Hamilton.. 1 Jo  
Aureli Jones..... 1 Re  
Aaron Gibbs..... 1 Al  
Margery Wilkinson.. 1 Re  
NELSON.  
Gilbert Bastedo.... 1 Ge  
NIAGARA.  
Edward C. Campbell. 1 Pe  
Mrs. James Monroe.. 1 Mr  
John Davidson..... 1 Th  
James Lewis..... 2 Be  
Hope Bullet..... 1 Ja  
Francis Lacey..... 3 P  
OAKVILLE.  
William Cantley.... 1 W  
James Arnott..... 1 A

No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.
	<b>HOLLAND LANDING.</b>	<b>ORILLIA.</b>
	Douglas Laidlaw..... 1	Rev. John Gray..... 5
	<b>INGERSOLL.</b>	<b>PETERBORO.</b>
	R. H. Carroll..... 1	Rev. John Gilman.... 1
	Rev. Robert Wallace. 1	Andrew Cathcart.... 1
	Daniel Carroll..... 1	William Hall..... 1
	Joseph Barker..... 1	Rev. M. Rogers..... 1
	<b>KINGSTON.</b>	Thomas G. Hazlitt... 1
	Donald McKay..... 1	
	<b>LONDON.</b>	<b>PICKERING.</b>
	Charles Monsuratt... 1	William Dunbar..... 1
	John Birrell..... 1	<b>SMITH.</b>
	John Michie..... 1	James McEwen..... 1
	John Frazer..... 1	James Harvey..... 1
	Samuel McBride..... 1	John Stothart..... 1
	William Begg..... 1	<b>SALT FLEET.</b>
	H. Chisholm..... 1	Rev. George Cheyne.. 1
	Edmond Raymond... 1	Alexander Morrison.. 1
	Henry Matthewson... 1	<b>SOUTHWOLD.</b>
	Thomas Craig..... 1	Alexander Steele.... 1
	Thomas C. Dixon.... 1	<b>ST. CATHERINES.</b>
	Willis Hall..... 1	Rev. Robert F. Burns. 1
	B. A. Mitchell..... 1	Henry Gray..... 1
	G. M. Gunn..... 2	John Creamer..... 1
	Lionel Ridout..... 1	Alfred Triplett..... 1
	John Diamond..... 1	<b>TRAFALGAR.</b>
	William Clarke..... 1	John Proudfoot..... 2
	A. B. Jones..... 1	James Applebe..... 1
	Titus Basfield..... 1	<b>TORONTO.</b>
	John Reives..... 1	Rev. W. Gregg..... 1
	Alexander Hamilton.. 1	Walter Macfarlane .. 1
	Aureli Jones..... 1	John Laidlaw..... 1
	Aaron Gibbs..... 1	Rev. Dr. Willis..... 3
	Margery Wilkinson... 1	Alexander McGlashan. 1
	<b>NELSON.</b>	Rev. Dr. Burns..... 2
	Gilbert Bastedo.... 1	Peter Brown..... 1
	<b>NIAGARA.</b>	George Brown..... 1
	Edward C. Campbell.. 1	Thomas Henning.... 1
	Mrs. James Monroe... 1	<b>WELLINGTON SQUARE.</b>
	John Davidson..... 1	Peter Freeland..... 1
	James Lewis..... 2	Rev. Alex. McLaren.. 1
	Hope Bullet..... 1	<b>WOODSTOCK.</b>
	Francis Lacey..... 3	Thomas J. Fuller.... 1
	<b>OAKVILLE.</b>	Betley & Kay..... 1
	William Cantley..... 1	James Leask..... 1
	James Arnott..... 1	P. L. Box..... 1
		John Thom..... 2
		W. R. Abbott..... 5
		A. T. McCord..... 1
		Rev. Donald McKenzie 1
		John M. Ross..... 1
		<b>ZORRA.</b>
		<b>WATERDOWN.</b>
		Thomas Stock..... 1
		Henry F. Graham.... 1
		Read Baker..... 1

## CONSTITUTION.

[ADOPTED 7TH JUNE, 1850.]

WHEREAS, the stock for the settlement and social and religious improvement of the Coloured population of Canada, in the Township of Raleigh, in accordance with the Resolution passed at a Public Meeting held in Toronto, the 16th of March, having been subscribed :—

*Resolved* I. That we, the Stockholders, do now form ourselves into a society, under the name and title of the "ELGIN ASSOCIATION," for the settlement and moral improvement of the Coloured population of Canada.

II. That the management of this Institution shall be vested in a President and two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Board of 24 Directors, to be chosen Annually at a meeting of the Stockholders—Five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer, being also members *ex-officio*.

III. That all the real estate of the Society, for the present, shall be vested in three Trustees to be held temporarily in trust for the purposes of the Society, and to be, by them conveyed in trust hereafter, in such manner as may be provided by the Act of Parliament, or other Act of Incorporation.

IV. That at all meetings of the Board, the President shall preside ; or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents ; or in their absence, the Treasurer ; or in his absence, such members as shall be voted for that purpose. The first meeting of the Board to be held in Toronto, on the 21st June, 1849.

V. That the duties of the Board shall be as follows :—

1. To carry into effect the objects contemplated by the Society, by purchasing from the Government a tract of the Clergy Reserve land, in the Township of Raleigh, in the Western District of Canada.

2. To sub-divide and sell the lands to actual settlers, on such terms as the Board may consider for the interest of the purchasers and Stockholders.

3. To employ all subordinate persons, and officers necessary for the successful working of the Association, and in general, to manage the whole affairs of the Association ; subject to the control of the General Meeting of the Stockholders.

4. To make all By-laws and Regulations necessary for the detailed management of the Society's affairs ; such By-laws and Regulations to be submitted to the Stockholders at the Annual Meeting, and to be subject to alterations and revision at that meeting, if deemed necessary.

5. To keep a record of all their proceedings, signed by the Secretary, and countersigned by the Chairman.

6. To submit, at the annual meeting of the Stockholders, a full and detailed statement of the Society's affairs for the previous year ; and to close the concerns of the Company as soon as practicable.

VI. That no alteration be made in this Constitution except at the annual meeting, or a meeting of the Stockholders called together by the Board at their discretion, or by them upon the requisition of ten Stockholders for that purpose provided ; and that notice of such meeting be given to the Stockholders by circular, stating the object of such meeting, one month previous to the day thereof.

1. That whenever a quorum of the President and Vice-Presidents, or a fit person to call a meeting, they are a

2. That the Directors are hereby appointed to appoint a Committee of Advice to be three in number, who shall advise and consult with the President and Vice-Presidents, and side and manage the business of the Association in case of difficulty arise in the said Transactions, or in the said direction in such matters. Both the President and Vice-Presidents, and the Main Board of Directors, are to be

3. That all moneys due to the Association, shall be paid to the Secretary, and his receipt for the same shall be

4. That no money be paid by the Association, in order for the same, signed by the Secretary, and countersigned by the President, and entered on the records of the Association.

5. In order that the members of the Association, at the Annual Election of Officers, &c. each of the Stockholders at least one year, and that not less than one year before the Annual Meeting or any other meeting.

6. That the local Committee be appointed by the Association, with regard to buildings and improvements, and the settler to put up a house 18 feet wide, and the whole length of the front. The house to be built with a picket fence. The house to be built from the centre of the road four feet wide, and to cut a ditch across the front of the house, at least 2 feet deep, and to give any deeds, until he receives the aforesaid improvements have

To Incorporate the Elgin Association for the Improvement of the

Whereas an Association has been formed and resident therein, under the name of the Elgin Association, for the moral and moral improvement of the Coloured population of the County of Raleigh, in the county of Kent, and



## BY-LAWS.

1. That whenever a quorum of the Directors, with the consent of the President and Vice-Presidents, or a majority of them, and not otherwise, shall see fit to call a meeting, they are authorized to do so.

2. That the Directors are hereby authorized, with the consent and approval of the President and Vice-Presidents, or a majority of them and not otherwise, to appoint a Committee of Advice to meet in the township of Raleigh. The said Committee to be three in number, and to be Directors of the Association, who shall advise and consult with the Agent of the Association, who shall reside and manage the business of the Association in Raleigh, or should any case of difficulty arise in the said Township of Raleigh, the same shall be communicated to the President, or in his absence to the Vice-Presidents, for advice and direction in such matters. Both the Committee and the Agent to be subject to the Main Board of Directors, and give Reports to the Annual Meeting.

3. That all moneys due to this Society shall be paid to the Treasurer, and his receipt for the same shall be in all cases a sufficient discharge.

4. That no money be paid by the Treasurer of this Association, without an order for the same, signed by the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, and countersigned by the Secretary, and certified by him to have been duly entered on the records of the Association.

5. In order that the members of the Association may have due notice of the Annual Election of Officers, &c., it is resolved that circular notices be posted to each of the Stockholders at least fourteen days before the first day of September, each year; and that not less than seven Stockholders shall be present before the Annual Meeting or any General Meeting proceeds to business.

6. That the local Committee be required to enforce the Rules and Regulations with regard to buildings and improvements, which are as follows: viz., each settler to put up a house 18 feet by 24 feet, 12 feet high, with a piazza running the whole length of the front. Enclosing the front of the house and garden, with a picket fence. The house to be set 33 feet from the road. And to clear from the centre of the road four rods at least, the whole front of his lot, and cut a ditch across the front of the lot, four feet wide at top, 18 inches at bottom and at least 2 feet deep—and that the Secretary be instructed not to give any deeds, until he receives a certificate from the local Committee, that the aforesaid improvements have been made and the rules complied with.

## AN ACT

*To Incorporate the Elgin Association, for the Settlement and Moral Improvement of the Coloured Population of Canada.*

(10th August, 1850.)

Whereas an Association has been formed in Upper Canada, by divers persons resident therein, under the name of the ELGIN ASSOCIATION, for the settlement and moral improvement of the coloured Population of Canada, for the purpose of purchasing Crown or Clergy Reserve Lands in the Township of Raleigh, in the county of Kent, and settling the same with coloured families resi-



tion are held, on the first Wednesday in September, in each and every year, at the hour of twelve o'clock; and the said election shall be held and made by such of the stockholders of the said Corporation as shall attend for that purpose in their own proper persons, or by proxy, and all the elections for such Officers shall be by ballot; and if any vacancy or vacancies shall at any time happen among the Directors, by death, resignation, or removal from the Province, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled, for the remainder of the year in which they may happen, by a person or persons to be nominated by the Directors at any of their regular meetings.

V. And be it enacted, That each Stockholder shall be entitled to a number of votes in proportion to the number of shares which he or she shall have in his own or her own name, and shall have at least twenty days, previous to the time of voting, according to the following rules—that is to say: One vote for each share to the extent only of two shares, and one vote for every two shares above two.

VI. And be it enacted, That in case it should at any time happen that an election of officers should not be made on any day when pursuant to this Act it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved but it shall and may be lawful on any day to hold and make an election of officers in such manner as shall be regulated by the By-laws and Ordinances of the said Corporation.

VII. And be it enacted, That until the first election of officers shall take place as hereinbefore provided, the present officers of the said Association shall be and continue to be the officers of the Corporation hereby created, and that the President, or in his absence from the city of Toronto, either of the Vice-Presidents of the said Corporation shall within one month after the passing of this Act, cause notice to be given to the members of the said Corporation by public advertisement, to be published ten days at least previous in the place in which the usual meetings of the Corporation are held, at such time as he shall in and by such notice appoint, and the said members or the major part of them as shall be then present, shall, at the time so appointed, proceed to the election of a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and twenty-four Directors; which said officers, from the time of their election to their respective offices, shall continue therein till the first Wednesday in June then next ensuing, and from henceforth until others be chosen in their place; and the new officers shall enter on the duties of their office the first Monday after their election.

VIII. And whereas the sum of four thousand pounds currency, or thereabouts, has been subscribed by the members of the said Association as the Capital Stock of the same, in Shares of ten pounds each, and whereas it may be necessary to increase the said Stock, by the additional sum of one thousand pounds: Be it therefore enacted, That the said shares so subscribed as aforesaid, shall continue the Capital stock of the said Corporation, with power to the said Corporation, to increase the same by one thousand pounds in like shares of ten pounds each, if they shall think it necessary for carrying out the purposes of the said Corporation, and that the aforesaid Capital Stock may, after twenty per cent. has been paid thereon, be transferable by the respective persons subscribing and holding the same, to any other person or persons, and such transfer shall be entered and registered in a book or books to be for that purpose provided by the said Corporation.

IX. And be it enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Directors to call upon the Stockholders of the

said Corporation, by giving sixty days' notice thereof in four newspapers published one in London, one in Hamilton, one in Toronto, and one in Kingston, for an instalment of twenty per centum upon each share, which they or any of them may respectively have subscribed for in the Association aforesaid, and that the residue of the sums or shares of the Stockholders shall be payable upon the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, until the whole sum or such part of the whole sum as the Directors shall deem necessary for carrying out the objects of the Association shall be paid: Provided always, that the payment upon shares heretofore made by any of the aforesaid, shall be credited by the Directors, on the call of twenty per cent., so as to be made as aforesaid.

X. And be it enacted, That if any Stockholder or Stockholders, as aforesaid, shall neglect to pay at the time required any instalment or instalments which shall be lawfully required by the Directors as due upon any share or shares, such Stockholder or Stockholders so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit such share or shares as aforesaid, with any amount which shall have been previously paid thereon, and the said share or shares may be sold by the said Directors, and the sum arising therefrom, together with the amount previously paid thereon, shall be accounted for and applied in like manner as other moneys of the said Company: Provided always, that the purchaser or purchasers shall pay the said Company the amount of the instalment required over and above the purchase money of the share or shares so purchased by him her, or them, as aforesaid, immediately after the sale and before they shall be entitled to the certificate of the transfer of such shares purchased as aforesaid: Provided always, that fifteen days' notice of the sale of such forfeited shares shall be given in any newspaper or newspapers published in the City of Toronto, and that the instalments due may be received in redemption of any such forfeited share at any time before the day appointed for the sale thereof: Provided also, that the shareholders may at their next meeting, after any forfeiture, restore any forfeiture, or a portion of any forfeiture, by a resolution in writing, to be passed at such meeting, and not at any other time or in any other manner.

XI. And be it enacted, That the several persons who have subscribed any money towards the Association, or their personal representatives respectively, shall pay the sums respectively so subscribed or such portions thereof as shall be from time to time called for by the Directors; and with respect to the provisions in this Act contained for enforcing the payment of calls or instalments, the word Stockholder shall extend to and include any person who holds stock in the said Corporation, or who may have subscribed the original prospectus of the Association or agreement to take stock therein, and shall also extend to and include the legal personal representative of such Stockholder or person aforesaid.

XII. And be it enacted, That if any default shall be made by any Stockholder in the payment of any call at the time appointed by the Directors for the payment thereof, then it shall be lawful for the Company to sue such Stockholders for the amount of such call, in any Court of Law in this Province (having competent jurisdiction in regard to the amount to be recovered) and to recover the same with lawful interest, and if the Company shall sue any Stockholder under the authority of this Act, such suit shall not in any way interfere with the forfeiture of the share or shares of such Stockholders.

XIII. And be it enacted, That on the trial or hearing of such action, it shall be sufficient for the Company to prove that the defendant, at the time of making such call, was a holder of one share or more in the undertaking (and when there has been no transfer of the shares, then the proof of the subscription to the original agreement to take stock shall be sufficient evidence of holding

stock to the amount subscribed, notice thereof given as required to prove the appointment of other matter whatever, and to recover what shall be due on

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XVII. And be it enacted, That purchase by the said Corporation, the affairs of the Corporation, the affairs of the stockholders thereof shall receive instalments as shall have been an interest; Provided always that the Directors at any time and liabilities thereof fully discharged any proportion of the stock account shall deem expedient, without the assent of the said Corporation.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That or any person administering the affairs of the said Corporation to require from the said Corporation any Justice of Peace is hereby empowered to examine the expenditure of said Corporation held and enjoyed by the said Corporation of the Provincial Legislature, Session thereof.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the Association hereby incorporated shall be and is hereby vested in the

stock to the amount subscribed) and that such call was in fact made, and such notice thereof given as required, and it shall not be necessary for the Association to prove the appointment of the Directors who made such call or any other matter whatever, and thereupon the Company shall be entitled to recover what shall be due on such call, with interest thereon.

XIV. And be it enacted, That when calls shall be made by the Directors, all such calls shall be taken and meant to be payable to the Treasurer of the Association for the time being.

XV. And be it enacted, That in any action or suit brought by or against the Association upon any contract or for any matter or thing whatsoever, any stockholder shall be competent as witness, and his testimony shall not be deemed inadmissible on account of interest.

XVI. And be it enacted That the Directors for the time being, or a quorum of them, shall have power to make and subscribe all such rules and regulations touching the purchase, management and disposition of land, properties, estate and effects of the said Association, and the settlement and improvement of the said lands, and also touching the duties of the officers and servants of the said Corporation and also such other matter or things as appertain to the business of the said Corporation; and also shall have power to appoint as many officers and servants for carrying on the business of the said Corporation, with such salaries as they shall think fit: Provided always that, the price fixed by the said Directors for the lands of the said Corporation shall not exceed the prices paid the Government, to any greater amount than is sufficient for the expenses of the said Corporation for any of the purposes hereinbefore mentioned and six per cent interest per annum upon the stock subscribed; Provided also, that if upon the final winding up of the affairs of the Corporation as hereinafter provided, any surplus should be found remaining after paying of the shares subscribed for and six per cent. interest, such surplus shall be applied in the improvement of the said settlement in such manner as the Directors shall appoint.

XVII. And be it enacted, That whenever and as soon as all the land so purchased by the said Corporation, shall be settled and paid for to the said Corporation, the affairs of the said Corporation shall be wound up, and the stockholders thereof shall receive the amount of their shares or of such instalments as shall have been actually paid thereon, together with six per cent. interest; Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the Directors at any time or times, after the Government price of the said land shall be paid in full by the said Corporation, and all the existing debts and liabilities thereof fully discharged, to repay to the stockholders, rateably, any proportion of the stock actually paid up, and interest, that the Directors shall deem expedient, without waiting for the final winding up of the affairs of the said Corporation.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or any person administering the Government of the Province for the time being to require from the said Corporation true statements under oath, (which oath any Justice of Peace is hereby authorized to administer,) of the receipts and expenditures of said Corporation; and a statement of the real and personal estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation shall be laid before each branch of the Provincial Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session thereof.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the property real and personal now held by the Association hereby incorporated, or by any party in trust for them, shall be and is hereby vested in the said Corporation, which shall be responsible for

all debts and obligations of the said Association, and may recover and enforce all claims and obligations in favour thereof.

XX. And be it enacted, That no member of the said Corporation shall in his private or natural capacity be liable for any debt or obligation contracted by the said Corporation.

XXI. And be it enacted, That nothing in the present Act contained shall affect in any manner or way whatsoever the right of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, or of any person or persons of any kind, body politic or corporate, such only excepted as are hereinbefore mentioned.

XXII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be held and considered to be a Public Act.

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