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OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE ELGIN ASSOCIATION;

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders &c., held in Toronto, 6th September, 1853.

The Directors of the Elgin Association in presenting their Fourth Annual Report, would acknowledge the goodness of God in giving health and prosperity to the Inhabitants of the Settlement at Buxton, and would return thanks for the measure of success which has already attended their efforts.

Three years ago it was considered a doubtful problem, whether the social position of the coloured population could be improved among us. Their indolence and want of management, were the principal pleas urged against any attempt to improve their condition. Four years experience has now solved the problem, and demonstrated the entire practicability of the plan. What was formerly doubtful is now a matter of certainty, that the coloured race when on land, and under judicious treatment, are just as capable of improvement as the white emigrants from Europe, who arrive here without means; and many of them little better than the fugitive.

Several settlements have been formed in different parts of the Province of emigrants, who have been brought out at the expense of the government, lands granted, and farming implements provided, yet, those have not made for the time, the same progress that the coloured settlement at Buxton has done where nothing was given, but protection and advice. The settlers provide all that they require by their own industry. The land is sold to them on a credit of ten years, which they are now paying for by annual instalments. The houses are erected after a model at their own expense. Farming implements and cattle are purchased by themselves, and as far as the supply of their physical wants are concerned, they are self supporting. More than this could not be expected from any settlers. Up to the present time 130 families have settled on the lands of the Association and improved farms in the neighborhood: these families contain 520 persons

The whole settlement is six miles long and about three wide; according to the original plan; the lands were divided into lots of fifty acres each, so situated that a road 66 feet wide runs past each lot. On these lots, and 33 feet from the road, the house of each settler is built, after a model prescribed by the improvement committee; the houses are 18 feet by 24 feet, and 12 feet high, with a gallery running along the whole length of the front. The space between the front of the houses and the road is either in grass or planted with shade trees. The whole front, together with the garden at the end of the house, is enclosed with a picket fence. Sixty houses have been put up after the model, and some of them are enclosed with the picket fence. Fifteen are nearly whiteweshed, and some are superior to the model.

Besides building, the settlers have made considerable improvement in cleaning

500 acres are cleared and under fence, 135 cut down and partially cleared. Of the cleared land, 236 acres are in corn, and the crop is equal to any raised in the United States, both in the size and number of ears on the stalk; some of which measure from twelve to fourteen feet in length. A sample of the corn has been sent for the inspection of the Association.

Besides the corn, which is the principal crop raised in the settlement, there are 60 acres of wheat, 29 acres of oats, and 90 acres of other crops: making in all 415 acres under cultivation. Some attention has also been paid to the raising of stock; but in this department little can be done till they get more land cleared. The number of cattle in the settlement is 128. There are 15 horses, 30 sheep, and 250 hogs,—the breed of these might be improved, and it would be very desirable that the Association would vid in improving the breed, by the introduction of better stock.

In order to encourage domestic manufactures, and to promote the staple articles of the country, the Local Committee have offered premiums for the best cloth made wholly of wool grown in the settlement, for the best houses, and the best crops. Several competitors have come forward, and sent in samples of the crops of this year's growth. The wheat is full and plump, and weighs 64 lbs. to the bushel; the ears of corn are large and well filled; the tobacco is pronounced equal to any that is raised in the United States; samples of the different crops have been forwarded for the inspection of the Society.

Since the last Annual Report a two-story brick hotel has been built by Alfred H. Mest, and kept by him on temperance principles. The temperance principle is strictly acted on through the whole settlement; no intoxicating drinks being either manufactured or sold.

A store has also been opened, and is now kept by Thomas W. Stringer. A pearl-ash factory, a steam grist and saw mill are being erected, and it is expected that they will be in operation before another year. It is necessory that both should be vigorously carried on for the benefit of the settlers. The ashes made last year in clearing, if it could have been manufactured into pot and pearl ashes, would have realized the price of the land.

But besides this loss in the ashes, there is a greater loss in the valuable oak and ash timber that is destroyed in clearing, that could be made very profitable to the settlers if there was a good steam saw mill on the land to cut it up, and prepare it for the market; such timber being in great demand for railroads and ship building. The nett value of the oak timber alone on the land has been estimated by competent judges at \$57,000, and if you add to this the birch, maple, and hickory that are valued for fire wood, and have been estimated after allowing one-half of the land to remain uncleared for the consumption of the settlers, at \$70,000. Thus the oak and fire-wood alone would yield to the settlers \$127,000. The basis on which this calculation rests, allows only 50 cents a cord for the wood, and \$2 per 1000 feet for the oak timber. Now oak is worth \$10 per 1000 feet, and cord wood \$1½ per cord; the balance is allowed for sawing, cutting and transporting the wood to market. Before the products of the forest can be made avaidable to the settlers, it would be necessary to erect a steam saw mill, that would cost about \$5000, and construct a plank road from Lake Erie to the western railroad, eight miles, at an expense of \$15,000. This would give them two markets, one on the Lake and another on the Railroad. Without this improvement the valuable timber on the lands will be in a great measure lost, besides retarding very much the growth of the settlement.

The moral state of the settlement continues good; there have been no cases of drunkenness during the last year, and very few of Sabbath desceration. The Sabbath is generally observed; and most of the settlers attend some place of worship. The number of children at the day school is 112, and the number at the Sabbath school 80: they are all improving both in Secular and Scriptural

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The present liabilities of the Association amount to £2826 8s. 11d.;—that is to Government for land and interest, £2188 6s; Stockholders for instalments and interest, £638 2s. 11d.; while the assets amount to £3190 17s. 4d.; that is, for land sold and interest thereon, £2597 2s. 4d.; land unsold £593 15s.; leaving a balance of assets to meet the currant or ordinary expenses of the Association of £364 8s. 5d.

Elgin Association.—Abstract of Treasurer's Account from Commencement to 31st July 1853.

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Stockholders-Instalments	on shares,		-				£537	16	0
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Survey and Division of Lar	nds, -					-	13	10	0
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SAMUEL SPREULL, WILLIAM KISSOCK, Auditors.

Abstract Statement of the Affairs of the Elgin Association to July 31, 1853.

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Audited this 30th day of August, 1853.

SAMUEL SPREULL, WILLIAM KISSOCK, Auditors.

1853. July 31.—To

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Toronto, 30th August, 1853.				

STOCK ACCOUNT.

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TORONTO, 30th August, 1853.

The Auditor's appointed to inspect the Books and Accounts of the Elgin Association for the year ending 31st July, 1853, beg leave to report for the information of the Directors and Shareholders, that they have done so carefully; and have much pleasure in pronouncing them correct.

Six thousand six hundred acres of Land were purchased from Government at a cost of £3048 10s., of which 5750 acres have been sold, realizing the sum of £3637 10s., being a considerable sum over the amount of purchase, and having still on hand for sale, 850 acres.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL SPREULL, WILLIAM KISSOCK, Auditors.

LIST OF STOCKHOLDERS.

Mo. Shares. Albion Mills. William Cook 2	Brockville. Beamsv.	No. ille.	Sh	ares.
New Aberdeen.	Rev. John McMurray - 3 J. B. Osborne Adriel Sherwood 1 R. Morrow -	•	•	- 11
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John Michie	. i			Samuel Workman 1	
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Edmond Raymond -	- 1	William Dunbar -		Robert Maitland 1	ı
Henry Matthewson -	- 1	Picton.		George H. Cheney 1	
Thomas Craig	- 1	J. Miller		1 William Langley 1	
Thomas C. Dixon -	- 1	Palermo.		Rev. William Rintoul -	
William Hall	- 1	John White		4 J. S. Howard 1	-
B. A. Mitchell	- 1			1 Allen McLean Howard -	7
G. M. Gunn	- 2			Benjamin Torrance	
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John Diamond	- 1			Oliver Mowat	
William Clarke	- 1	John Thom		2 John Salt 1	
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Titus Basfield	-]	Alexander Morrison		1 James Shaw I	
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Hope Bullet		John Laidlaw -		1 Wellington Square.	-
Francis Lacey Oakville.	-	Rev. Dr. Willis -	: :	3 Rev. Alex. McLaren -	1
Peter McCorquodale		Alexander McGlash	an -	Woodstock.	
David Duff		Rev. Dr. Burns -		2 Rev. William L. Ball -	1
William Cantley -		Peter Brown		1 John Douglas	1
John Urquart		George Brown -		1 John Carter	1
James Arnott		1 Thomas Henning		1 Andrew Smith	1
West Oxford.		Peter Freeland -		1 William C. McLeod -	1
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[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 Railegh, in accordance with the Resolution passed at a Public Meeting held in Toronto, the 16th of March, 1849, having been subscribed:—

Resolved I. That we, the Stockholders, do now form ourselvers 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 member 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 Clergy Reserve land, in the Township of Raleigh, in the Western District of Canada.

Sub-divide, and sell the lands to actual setters, 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.

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.

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 to give Reports to the Annual Meeting.

3. That all moneys due 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.

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 resident in Canada of approved moral character; and whereas the persons hereinafter named, office-bearers and members of the said Association, and acting on behalf of the members thereof, have by Petition prayed to be incorporated for the purpose aforesaid; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the

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II. And be it enacted, That in all and every suit or suits in Law which hereafter may be instituted against the said Corporation, service of Process at the residence of the President or Secretary, shall be sufficient to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead to such suit or suits; any law, custom, or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That the property, affairs, and concerns of the said Corporation shall be managed and conducted by the following officers, elected by the members of the said Corporation, at the annual meeting hereinafter provided for: a President, first and second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty-four Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business; the President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer being also Directors ex-officio.

IV. And be it enacted, That the annual meeting for the election of said Officers shall be held at Toronto, at the place where the usual meetings of the said Corporation 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 had 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 Toronty, 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 four newspapers published in different parts of the Province, to meet at the place in which the usual meeting 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 thenceforth 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 transferrable 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 kept for that purpose 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 Shareholders 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

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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) 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 appoint 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 whotsoever, any stock-holder shall be competent as a 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 lands, properties, estate and affects of the said Association, and the settlement and improvement of the said

lands, and so touching the duties of the officers and servants of the said Corporation, and also such other matters 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 off 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 appoint.

XVII. And be it enacted, That whenever and so 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 lands shall be paid in full by the said Corporation, and all the existing debts and liabilities thereof fully discharged, to re-pay 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 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 the Peace is hereby authorized to administer.) of the receipts and expenditure of the 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.