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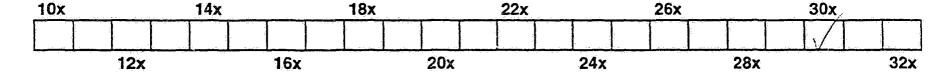
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Received and read a first time, Monday, 6th September, 1852.

Second reading, Friday, 10th September, 1852.

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5 TATHEREAS it appears that the Agricultural Society, then of Preamble. the London District, and now of the United Counties Recital. of Middlesex and Elgin, did in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, petition His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, then Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper 10 Canada, for a grant of a certain lot of land in the Town of London, for the use of the said Agricultural Society in holding their Annual Public Exhibitions and Cattle Shows, and generally for the purposes of the said Society, and that by an Order in Council of the same year, a certain lot of land in the said Town was directed to 15 be granted for the purposes aforesaid; that subsequently and before any Letters Patent issued for the said lot, the same was selected by the Board of Ordinance as a site for Barracks and other purposes connected with the defence of the Province, and it was intimated by the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada to the said Society 20 through the Magistrates for the said London District, that a new site might be selected by them for the purposes of the said Society; that the said Society did accordingly select the lots of land hereinafter described, and that upon the petition of the said Society, an order was made, on the thirty-first day of January, one thousand 25 eight hundred and forty-two by His Excellency the Governor of this Province in Council, directing that the said lots of land should be granted for the use of the said Society for the purposes aforesaid; that the said Society had not then a corporate capacity, or the power of holding lands or real property; that on the 30 third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fortyfive Letters Patent were issued granting the said lots to the Council of the District of London, "in trust for the use of the "inhabitants of the said District, as a site for holding free Fairs "according to law, and for the convenient holding of such Fairs and 35 " making and permitting all erections thereon for the said purpose "and for no other use or purpose whatsoever:" that the said Society are in possession of the said lots, and have been so since the

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issuing of the said Letters Patent, and have at their own costs and 5 expense caused the same to be inclosed, and proper buildings erected thereon for holding their Annual Cattle Shows and agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions, and that no other Fair nor Show than theirs has been held on the said lots, nor is any other held in the said United Counties, nor have the said lots been applied to 10 any other use or purpose than those of the said Society; that by virtue of the nineteenth section of the Act passed in the now last Session of the Provincial Parliament and intituled, "An Act to "provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in "Upper Canada," the said Society hath now power to acquire and 15 hold land, and to sell, lease and otherwise dispose of the same; And whereas the said Agricultural Society of the united Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, have prayed that the said lots of land may be declared to have been granted and held in trust for their use and to be now vested in them, their successors and assigns, and 20 have represented that the Great Western Railroad Cmopany are desirous of carrying their Railroad through the said lots, thus rendering them no longer convenient for the purposes of the said Society, and have further prayed that they may be empowered to convey to the said Company the land required for the said Railroad, 25 and to agree with the said Company as to the compensation to be paid therefor, or to go to arbitration with the said Company for the purpose of fixing the said compensation, if they and the said Company cannot agree upon the same, and to receive the compensation agreed upon or awarded, and to sell the remainder of the said 30 lots to the best advantage, and receive the sums to be received for such compensation, and for the price of the remainder of the said lots, and to apply the same to the purchase of land in or near the said Town of London, whereon to hold their said Annual Exhibitions or Cattle Shows or Fairs, or in addition to such Exhi-35 bition, Shows or Fairs, for the purpose also of a model farm for the improvement of Agriculture, and to the purpose of defraying the cost of the necessary buildings and improvements for all or any of the said purposes; and whereas it is just and right to grant the prayer of the said Society; Be it therefore declared and enacted, 40 &c.

A certain tract of land declared to have been held in trust for the said Society, and to be now

And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing of the Act, the parcel or tract of land in the Town of London, in the County of Middlesex, containing ten acres more or less, and being composed of blocks of land 45 consisting of lots numbers six, seven, eight, nine and ten, on vested in them. the south side of East York Street; six, seven, eight, nine and ten, on the north side of East Bathurst Street; six,

seven, eight, nine and ten, on the south side of East Bathurst Street, and six, seven, eight, nine and ten, on the north side of East Horton Street, in the said Town of London, was, under the Letters Patent referred to in the preamble to this Act and bearing 5 date the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty five, held by the Council of the United Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, as succeeding the Council of the London District, in trust for the use of the Agricultural Society of the united Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, as succeeding that of the London District, 10 and that the said parcel or tract of land is now vested in the said Agricultural Society for the united Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, their successors and assigns for ever, and shall be held to have been so vested, since the time when, under the Act cited in the preamble, the said Society acquired a corporate capa-15 city and power to hold lands; and it shall be lawful for the said Agricultural Society of the united Counties of Middlesex and Elgin to agree with the said Great Western Railroad Company, as to the compensation to be paid by the said Company for any portion of the said parcel or tract of land required for their Rail-20 road, or if they cannot so agree, then to go to arbitration with the said Company to determine such compensation according to law, and to receive the compensation agreed upon or awarded, and to dispose of the remainder of the said parcel or tract of land to such purchasers, and upon such terms and conditions as they may think 25 most for the advantage of the said Society, and to convey the same to the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns for ever; and to apply the said compensation and purchase money to the purchase of other lands in, or near, the said Town of London, to be used for the Annual Cattle Shows and Exhibitions of the said Society, and for 30 its uses generally, or, if they think proper, partly for such purposes as aforesaid, and partly, as and for a model farm, for the advancement of Agriculture and Agricultural knowledge in the said County, and to defray the cost of such land and of all buildings and improvements required to be erected or made thereon for 35 the purposes aforesaid, or other the lawful purposes of the said Society: provided always, that after the dissolution of the union Proviso. of the said Counties of Middlesex and Elgin the property vested in or acquired by the Agricultural Society of the said united Counties under the athority of this Act, shall become the property of and be 40 vested in the Agricultural Society of the County of Middlesex.