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## BILL.

An Act for confirming the title of the  
Agricultural Society of the united  
Counties of Middlesex and Elgin to a  
certain tract of land therein mentioned,  
and for other purposes relative to the  
same.

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

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MR. DIXON.

**BILL.**

An Act for confirming the title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, to a certain tract of land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same.

5 **W**HEREAS it appears that the Agricultural Society, then of the London District, and now of the United Counties 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 forty-five 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

Preamble.  
Recital.

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 agricul-  
 tural 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 Company are  
 desirous of carrying their Railroad through the said lots, thus ren-  
 dering 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 Com-  
 pany cannot agree upon the same, and to receive the compensa-  
 tion 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 vested in them.

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, contain- 45  
 ing ten acres more or less, and being composed of blocks of land  
 consisting of lots numbers six, seven, eight, nine and ten, on  
 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 authority of this Act, shall become the property of and be  
40 vested in the Agricultural Society of the County of Middlesex.