

sing and the watershed of the Ottawa, both in Ontario and Quebec, a most extensive tract of excellent land, nearly as large as the peninsula of Ontario, much of it deep-soiled as the basin of the St. Lawrence valley, and some as even as a prairie. It lies, moreover, near waters which either are or can be easily made navigable. A market for its farm products exists already in the lumberers' camps, which are even now breaking its solitudes, and but few years can elapse before its forests ring with the settler's axe—before the shores of Lake Nipissing, which is three times as large as Lake Simcoe, echo to the whistle of the steamboat—or even before a railway runs across it by the shortest route from Montreal towards Chicago.

There are in Canada the following numbers of acres:—

	In total area,	Total surveyed.	Tr. granted and sold.		In total area,	Total surveyed.	Tr. granted and sold.
Ontario	77,606,400	25,297,480	21,879,043	New Brunswick	17,347,360	10,000,000*	9,700,000
Quebec.....	134,412,800	25,986,918	19,403,461	Nova Scotia ...	13,530,257†	10,000,000	6,150,000
Totals.....					242,896,817	71,234,398	57,132,579

It will thus at once be seen that there must be many extensive unsold tracts, both surveyed and unsurveyed, in addition to the great area above spoken of, and this is really the case. The following tables shew the number of acres at the disposal of the various Crown Land Agents in Ontario and Quebec, the names of those agents, and the price at which the lands are for sale. Many of these lands are equal in quality to any hitherto sold, though perhaps, with the exception of the Nipissing tract, there are few very extensive fertile lake or river valleys as yet unsettled. In New Brunswick the lands are sold by the Deputy Surveyors (or Crown Lands Agents) for each county, at monthly auction sales, at an upset price of 60 cents per acre—25 cents down, the balance in three equal annual instalments, or 25 per cent. discount on the amount if cash be paid for the whole. A new Act was however passed in March, 1863, to meet special cases, and to which allusion will be made hereafter. There are extensive tracts of excellent land in New Brunswick, inviting and awaiting settlement. In Nova Scotia the applicant for Crown Lands presents, at the Commissioner's office, Halifax, a petition for a grant of a specific number of acres, not exceeding 500, paying at the same time at the rate of \$44 per 100 acres, be the tract more or less than that number. An order of survey then issues, and the sale, if the Government, on the report of the Commissioner, so recommend, is carried out. For the accommodation of emigrants, tracts are set apart, which lands can—contrary to the usual rule—be entered upon, without paying cash, merely by obtaining a license, which enables the holders to pay for 100 acre lots at the rate of 44 cents per acre—one half in two years, the other at the expiry of the third—with interest. The Nova Scotia lands are now bought chiefly for the sake of their timber, which cannot be purchased except by purchasing the land, the best agricultural lands being already taken up.

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Name.	Residence.	Agency.	Acres at disposal.†	Price p. acre.
Armstrong, Wh'ler	Cardiff.....	Part of Peterborough.....	Free Grants	75 cents cash, or \$1 by instalments.
Graham, J.....	Bobcaygeon.....	Part of Peterboro' and Victoria, and Bobcaygeon and Road.....	300,000	
Harris, Wm.....	Admaston.....	Part of Renfrew.....	200,000	
Hubert, H. S.....	Berlin.....	Waterloo.....‡	
Holterman, C. F.....	Clontarf.....	Part of Renfrew, Ottawa and Opouongo Road.....	250,000	
Jackson, Wm.....	Durham.....	Grey.....	
Macpherson, Jas.....	Kingston.....	Lennox, parts of Frontenac and Addington, and Frontenac Road.....	180,000	
Moffatt, J. P.....	Pembroke.....	North part of Renfrew.....	220,000	
McNabb, Alex.....	Saugeen.....	Bruce.....	
Perry, E.....	Tamworth.....	North part Simcoe.....	190,000	
Roche, G. M.....	Lindsay.....	Parts of Frontenac and Addington, and Addington Road.....	200,000	
Ross, Jas.....	Elora.....	Part of Victoria.....	115,000	
Sharman, John.....	Stratford.....	Wellington.....	
Widder, Chas.....	Goderich.....	Perth.....	
Campbell, A. A.....	Blytheville.....	Huron.....	240,000	
Lout, C. W.....	Bracebridge.....	Part of Hastings.....	Free Grants	
Wakefield, N. P.....	Perry Sound.....	Part of Muskoka District.....	Free Grants	
Wilson, Joseph.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	Part of Algoma District.....	25,000	10c.‡

* Estimate from the best available data.

† According to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The estimates of the area of Nova Scotia vary considerably.

‡ Crown Lands Agents in Ontario and Quebec receive 5 per cent. on the first \$2,000, 2½ per cent. on the next \$28,000 and 1½ per cent. on any sum exceeding \$30,000 sold.

§ When the number of acres is left blank, the amount remaining in the hands of the Crown is inconsiderable.

|| Cash.