

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head. Bart.
 Governor General of British North America and Captain
 General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces
 of Canada Nova Scotia New Brunswick and the Island
 of Prince Edward and Vice Admiral of the same &c &c &c

In Council

The Petition of Alexander McKenzie of the
 Township of East Yorra in the County of Oxford and
 Province of Canada Yeoman Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner is desirous to purchase
 the North half of School Lot No. 5 in the 4th Con.
 of the Township of Blandford and has had the same
 Inspected and valued by William Smiley a
 Licensed Surveyor whose Certificate is herewith
 annexed your Petitioner therefore prays
 that your Excellency will Cause said half Lot
 to be sold unto him on the usual terms and
 your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

East Yorra 14th June 1855

Alexander McKenzie

In Committee 2^d Aug^r 1855.

As the Petitioner was not appear to have any claim to a preference on account of improvements, the Committee recommend that the North half in question be offered at sale by Auction, at an upset price of ten shillings per Acre - in accordance with the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands dated 16th July 1855.

Approved in Council 6th -
Com^r to C. C. L. 8th -

10th / Petition ^{1/2 480 C 1543} ~~IV~~ 8
Alex^r McArthur
to purchase
No 5 - 4th Co
Blainford
Sd

Recd 27. June 55

and 10th /
Crown Land Dep^t
London July 16th 1855
Referred to the Council
of the Hon. Sec^y of the
Council for considera-
tion and report
By Order
Joseph Cambon
Commd^r Genl

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No. 5 in the 4th Concession is a Grammar School in the Township of Blainford remaining vacant. The Petitioner claims to purchase the North half; but as he does not appear to have any claim to a preference on account of improvements, this is recommended that the 100 Acres in question be offered at sale by Auction, at an upset price of 10^s per Acre

Crown Land Dep^t }
London July 16th 1855 }
S. C. Tansley

This is to certify that I have examined the ~~North~~ half of School Lot No 5 in the 4th concession of the Township of Blainford in the County of Oxford and Province of Canada, and that the following statement in reference to the said lot is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

There is about 50 or 60 acres of a Lake and Marsh upon the center and Easterly part of said lot, the remainder is very low and swampy with some small scattering Hemlock, B. Ash & a large portion of ~~Timber~~ of a small description. There is no improvement upon this lot, nor within one mile of it on account of the immense swamp with which it is surrounded. There are no roads opened up within one mile of it. Situated about 8 miles from Woodstock - Alexander Mc Kenzie is desirous of purchasing and offers \$10 per acre. There are no adverse claims that I am aware of.

I think that \$10 per acre is to the utmost extent of its value.

Blackville 14th June 1855.

W^m Smiley

P. S. Surveyor