

to keep the parish roads in repair if effectively applied ; but, as the parishes depend so much on public appropriations for the roads it is negligently exacted, and complaints are often made by the Government Commissioners and Supervisors that its application, under the authority of Local Commissioners, is, in many cases, injurious to the roads. In the years 1842 and 1843, when no funds were issued, as observed in my Report, the statute labour was more effectively applied to the repairs of the roads ; and if the appropriations of public money were to be limited to the opening of new roads through the forest lands, and construction of bridges where the inhabitants are too poor to execute these works for themselves, and if the grants were made upon proper surveys, and estimates previously made, the settlement of the country would be promoted, and the objections to the present system, in a great degree, be obviated.

Measures are now in progress to acquire information respecting the roads through the Surveyor General's Department, which it is hoped will lead to the adoption of an improved system, and the instructions recently given with this object are appended.

CANADIAN DISPUTED TERRITORY FUND.

This fund has arisen from the necessity of seizing timber cut without license in the territory in dispute between Canada and New Brunswick, and which has been released to the parties on payment of a certain rate per ton, which has been imposed on them as a check to the practice of employing lumbering parties on the Crown domains—a regulation in force throughout the Province, and from which the territory in question cannot be exempt until the question of boundary be definitely settled.

LOAN FUND.

This fund has been raised by a duty imposed in 1843 on British and Foreign importations, to provide for the redemption of the debt contracted previous to the year 1841, and which will be liquidated by instalments in 14 years.

CIVIL LIST FUND.

This fund was established by a Provincial Act (1837), whereby, in consideration of the transfer to the province of the casual and territorial revenues of the Crown, a Civil List was granted of £14,500 currency, or £13,050 sterling. Some reductions having subsequently been made in the salaries of provincial officers a surplus has been created, which is applicable to provincial objects, on the consent and approval of Her Majesty's Government. It is very desirable that a portion of this surplus should be set apart to provide a pension fund for retiring judges and civil officers.

EMIGRANT FUND.

This fund is raised under a Provincial Act from a tax of one dollar on each emigrant arriving in the province and is intended to defray certain expenses incidental to their condition on their first arrival.

From the tenor of the remarks of the Provincial Secretary it will be seen the current receipts of the fund have been considered applicable to the liquidation of a debt antecedently contracted by advances made to parishes on their accounts rendered to the Assembly ; but a question has been raised how far the funds admit of being otherwise applied, than to the relief of those by whom they have been contributed within the year, and as the law officers have so construed the Provincial Act, the treasurer has not felt himself authorized to discharge the warrants of appropriation for antecedent years, without special authority, and the parochial authorities have in some cases declined to make further advances.

It is well known to the emigrants, who have arrived in considerable numbers in the present year, and in circumstances requiring prompt attention to their health and comfort, that large sums have been collected from them, and as these funds would be fully adequate under an uniform system of management to their effective relief, I hope that a better regulation for their application will be adopted in future years.

No particular observations are called for on the other statements which were omitted in the Blue Book, except in regard to the duties of the Emigrant Agent (Return, No. 14) at St. John, who receives £100 sterling a-year, chargeable on the Civil List ; and considering the nature and extent of the duties at that port, and the responsibility attaching to them, it will not be practicable in future years to provide for them, unless the salary of the office should be increased and which would be justly chargeable on the surplus of the Civil List Fund.

(No. 122.) CROWN LAND OFFICE, September 1, 1846.

THE undermentioned Lots of Crown Land will be offered for sale by Public Auction on Tuesday the sixth day of October next, by the respective Deputies at their Offices, (with the exception of York and Sunbury,) agreeably to the Regulations of 11th May, 1843 ; and no Sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the Crown for previous purchases :—

GLOUCESTER.

By Deputy M'Niel, at Bathurst.

- 200 acres, lot 60, block 17, Saumarez, A. Taylor.
- 113 acres, lot 61, block 17, Saumarez, E. Taylor.
- 60 acres, lot Y, block 40, Caraquet, L. Landry.
- 100 acres, lot 60, block 48, Caraquet, J. Genoit, Junior.
- 117 acres, lot O, near Tabucintac Bridge, W. Carpenter.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

By Deputy Peters, at Chatham.

- 100 acres, lot 12, block 4, Aluwick, T. Wasson.

KENT.

By Deputy Layton, at Richibucto.

- 100 acres, lot 13, Big Brook, Coal Branch, J. Spencer.

WESTMORLAND.

By Deputy Palmer, at Dorchester.

- 1½ acres, lot 99, Gaspereau River, (near Bridge,) W. Walsh, upset price £5 for the lot.
- 150 acres, lot 20, block W, Botsford, J. Finney.
- 100 acres, lot 65, block X, Botsford, M. Blanch.
- 49 acres, lot 15, block E, Shediak, F. Donovan.
- 100 acres, lot 22, block H, Shediak, J. Hodgson.
- 100 acres, lot 75, block D, Moncton, D. M'Arthur.
- 100 acres, lot 78, block D, Moncton, D. LeBlanc.
- 100 acres, lot 85, block D, Shediak, P. M'Fayden.
- 100 acres, lot 87, block D, Shediak, A. M'Ghie.
- 120 acres, lot 88, block D, Shediak, A. M'Ghie.
- 100 acres, lot 8, block 6, Moncton, E. Murray.
- 100 acres, lot 28, Coverdale River, W. Steeves, 2nd.
- 50 acres, lot 77, near Salmon Hole Brook, J. Duffy.
- 200 acres, lot 17, block 17, Salisbury, W. Hope.
- 100 acres, lot 37, block 17, Salisbury, G. Stultz.
- 100 acres, lot 26, block 17, Salisbury, J. S. Beckwith.
- 98 acres, lot Z, block 27, Salisbury, A. Allward.

ALBERT.

By Deputy Stiles, at Hopewell.

- 100 acres, lot M, block 11, Harvey, W. Bennett.