

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 33.

LAND OFFICE, }
Augusta, March 21, 1864. }

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR:—An order of the House dated February 25th, directed to the Land Agent, was delayed in the hope that he would, within a brief time, resume his duties and furnish the House with an elaborate reply to the order. Events having directed otherwise, and the hiatus created in the Land Department by reason of his decease, the duty of furnishing the information desired is devolved upon the undersigned, and it is done with some misgivings as to the propriety of responding to an order directed to an official in the department; yet the near approach of the end of the present session of the Legislature admonishes me that the information called for, to be of any practical advantage, should be given without further delay.

There are no data in the office leading to an accurate opinion of the value of the public lands, yet it may be safe to assume that the State will be more than fortunate if the average price of fifty cents per acre for all previous sales, shall be realized for the remaining lands.

Purchasers of the several townships and tracts entitled to purchase the reserved lands, have done so, with few exceptions, and those remaining are in derelict tracts, and of little value.

There has been no specific number of townships offered "for sale in lots for settlement during the past year," but all have been open for settlement, and the schedule of lots and townships in which the same were situated, was given in detail in the last annual report of the Land Agent.

The annexed tables exhibit the quantities of land in each County remaining open or unappropriated, the townships and tracts open

for settlement, the townships and tracts set apart for common schools remaining unsold, the tracts forfeited to the State, and townships and tracts containing timber sold by Massachusetts by perpetual leases.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ISAAC R. CLARK,

Assistant.

A.

County of Aroostook.

Township 9, R. 3, East half,	11,520 acres.
“ 10, “ 1, Part,	287 “
“ 15, “ 3,	22,052 “
“ 18, “ 3, Part,	5,382 “
“ 6, “ 4, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$,	5,004 “
“ 8, “ 4, S. E. and N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$,	11,520 “
“ 9, “ 4, Part lotted,	9,743 “
“ 10, “ 4, N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$,	5,760 “
“ 17, “ 4, Part,	3,446 “
“ 8, “ 5, Lotted,	13,093 “
“ 16, “ 7, Part,	2,611 “
“ 17, “ 7, “	5,000 “
“ 17, “ 8, “	3,776 “
“ 17, “ 9, Estimated,	15,000 “
“ 17, “ 10, Part,	5,760 “
“ 11, “ 13,	23,218 “
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	143,172 “

Townships and tracts open for settlement, viz :

10, R. 5,	4,972 acres.
9, “ 6,	5,260 “
11, “ 6,	1,256 “
13, “ 6,	2,607 “
17, “ 6,	10,650 “
11, “ 5,	4,004 “
10, “ 4, N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$,	5,760 “
Plymouth Grant,	1,069 “

COMMUNICATION.

A, (CONTINUED.)

11, R. 1,	6,207 acres.
B, " 1,	929 "
C, " 1,	3,506 "
D, " 1,	892 "
E, " 1,	2,385 "
F, " 1,	5,239 "
G, " 1,	4,811 "
I, " 2,	12,182 "
M, " 2,	7,520 "
2, " 3, South half,	4,695 "
5, " 3,	10,024 "
11, " 3,	20,756 "
12, " 3,	5,056 "
13, " 3,	5,682 "
14, " 3,	9,954 "
4, " 4,	6,987 "
12, " 4,	9,026 "
13, " 4,	1,577 "
2, " 5, East half,	6,039 "
3, " 5,	2,737 "
4, " 5,	2,671 "
6, " 5,	1,973 "
	156,426 "

Townships and tracts set apart for common schools :

Township 12, R. 10,	24,632 acres.
" 13, " 10,	23,994 "
" 11, " 17, Part,	6,900 "
" C, " 2,	22,040 "
" L, " 2, Half,	11,020 "
	88,586 "

County of Penobscot.

4, R. 7, N. W. quarter,	5,510 acres.
5, " 7, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ and N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$,	17,280 "
	22,790 "

Township open for settlement :

5, R. 6,	10,342 acres.
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A, (CONTINUED.)

County of Piscataquis.

B, R. 10,	17,474 acres.
7, " 15, West half,	12,175 "
8, " 15,	23,772 "
9, " 15,	23,950 "
Elliotsville,	1,250 "
Wellington,	160 "
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	78,781 "

Townships and tracts set apart for common schools:

3, R. 9, W. E. L. S.,	23,040 acres.
7, " 9, N. W. P.,	23,040 "
2, " 11, W. E. L. S.,	4,288 "
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	50,368 "

County of Franklin.

2, R. 4, W. B. K. P.,	11,520 acres.
3, " 6, "	8,960 "
2, " 7, "	6,734 "
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	27,214 "

Townships and tracts set apart for common schools:

1, R. 6, W. B. K. P.,	10,540 acres.
3, " 4, " South $\frac{1}{2}$,	11,520 "
2, " 8, "	20,200 "
3, " 5, "	23,040 "
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	65,300 "

County of Oxford.

4, R. 5, W. B. K. P.,	11,520 acres.
5, " 5, "	3,328 "
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	14,848 "

Township set apart for common schools:

4, R. 6, W. B. K. P.,	22,185 acres.
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County of Somerset.

3, R. 3, N. B. K. P., S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$,	5,760 acres.
6, " 3, "	500 "
3, " 5, "	23,040 "

COMMUNICATION.

A, (CONTINUED.)

7, R. 16, W. E. L. S.,	23,745 acres.
8, " 16, "	24,118 "
9, " 16, "	24,542 "
5, " 17, "	22,056 "
6, " 17, " S. $\frac{1}{2}$,	10,195 "
8, " 17, "	23,361 "
10, " 17, "	27,596 "
4, " 18, "	30,826 "
6, " 18, "	23,691 "
7, " 18, "	24,343 "
9, " 18, "	15,952 "
5, " 19, "	16,974 "
6, " 19, "	26,876 "
7, " 19, "	24,195 "
5, " 20, "	20,964 "
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	368,734 "

Townships and tracts set apart for common schools :

9, R. 17, W. E. L. S.,	24,296 acres.
8, " 18, "	23,883 "
4, " 3, N. B. K. P.,	11,520 "
4, " 4, "	23,040 "
4, " 5, "	23,040 "
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	105,779 "

B.

The following tracts have become forfeited to the State under the operation of the Resolves approved March 11, 1859 :

Undivided half 18, R. 5, Aroostook,	11,808 acres.
" " 16, " 12, "	11,458 "
" $\frac{1}{2}$ of W. half 12, R. 14, Aroostook,	5,805 "
" half 15, R. 10, Aroostook,	11,602 "
" " 16, " 10, "	10,477 "
" " 16, " 11, "	11,285 "
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	62,435 "

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C.

The timber upon the following Townships was sold by the authorities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by perpetual leases, before the purchase of her lands lying within this State; the State of Maine having the fee in the soil and right to occupy and use the same for settlement whenever it shall be needed, by giving one year's notice to the purchaser to remove his timber from such tract or lot required for settlement.

9, R. 3, W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Aroostook,	.	.	.	11,520 acres.
9, " 5,	"	.	.	17,280 "
15, " 5,	"	.	.	23,040 "
16, " 6,	"	.	.	23,040 "
9, " 7,	"	.	.	23,040 "
10, " 7,	"	.	.	20,040 "
11, " 7,	"	.	.	21,040 "
13, " 7,	"	.	.	19,040 "
15, " 7,	"	.	.	23,040 "
8, " 6, S. $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	11,520 "
8, " 6, N. $\frac{1}{2}$	"	.	.	11,520 "
A, " 8 and 9, Piscataquis,	.	.	.	19,015 "
3, " 3, N. B. K. P., Somerset,	.	.	.	5,760 "
				228,895

RECAPITULATION.

County, &c.	Open and Unap-propriated.	Open for Settle-ment.	Set apart for Common Schools.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Aroostook,	143,172	156,426	88,586
Penobscot,	22,790	10,342	
Piscataquis,	78,781	—	50,368
Franklin,	27,214	—	65,300
Oxford,	14,848	—	22,185
Somerset,	368,734	—	105,779
Forfeited tracts,	62,435	—	
	717,974	166,768	332,218
Land open to settlement,	166,768		
School lands,	332,218		
Land under lease for the timber,	228,895		
Total acres,	1,445,855		

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 21, 1864. }

On motion of Mr. FARWELL of Rockland, laid on the table, and
350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

HORACE STILSON, *Clerk.*