

Abolitionists of Ontario



Fugitives and Freemen

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CANADA LANDS.

The Canada Company offer 700,000 acres of land in blocks containing from 2000 to 3000 acres each, situated in the Western District, and scattered lots containing from 100 to 200 acres each; situated in almost every township in Canada West.

The above land is located in the most southern and western part of Canada, and is selling from \$2 to \$4 per acre.

The land is rich and generally well stocked with valuable timber. It is surrounded on either side with lasting and navigable waters. The climate is as mild and congenial to the physical and intellectual development of the African Race as a part of Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, or New York; and the argument which is frequently brought up by pro-slavery men that Canada is so cold that colored people can not live here is a falsehood and the facts that there are at the present time some thirty five thousand living and generally arrive at as old an age as they do in the south, and from the fact that when negro slavery was tolerated and practiced here under the colonial government that there was

no complaints about the climate's being too cold for the colored people, then this affords the most striking proof to our mind that wherever a white man can live and prosper that a colored man can also, if he is given an equal chance.

There will always be objections to be brought up against any scheme to settle the colored people this side of Liberia by prejudiced pro-slavery men. But we say to that there never was a time when they could have conferred a more permanent blessing upon their people than to enable them now to purchase some of this land to settle upon.

In the township of Colchester where there is already a settlement commenced there is about 6000 acres of Canada Company land for sale which is about 11 miles from Malden, and price of which is from \$2 to \$2.50 per acre. We have been on the land and know it to be good. We suggest that our friends commence making a purchase there first. Rev. E. Kirkland, Missionary, and Rev. David Hotchkiss, also a Missionary, are near the spot. They can be enquired of for particulars by addressing them at Malden.

“Self-reliance is the True Road to Independence”

Liberia: an African country originally created as a colony for free black people from the United States and the Caribbean. The American Colonization Society began helping people emigrate there in 1822, and it was declared a country in 1847.

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