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## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

TO ENQUIRE INTO THE

### SELLING OF LAND UNDER THE "LAND ACT, 1874."

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The Select Committee appointed to enquire into the selling of Land under the "Land Act, 1874," beg leave to Report as follows :—

That they have examined the Records, and find from them and other sources of information that, with the exception of Pre-emptions and Pre-emption purchase Claims, no large amount of money has been received from the sale of Land outside the District of New Westminster.

They find that 2,726 acres have been sold by Auction, consisting principally of Land unfit for cultivation; and they are of opinion that the sale was not contrary to the interests of the Province.

They find that in New Westminster District, the Land sold by private sales under the 61st Section of the "Land Act, 1874," amounts to 6,602½ acres, and was principally sold to *bona fide* settlers; and they also find that the only money received from sales of Land under the 62nd Section of "Land Act, 1874," in that District, was for 6,500 acres sold to Mr. H. Mathers; and they are of opinion that the Government, in thus disposing of the said Lands, acted strictly in accordance with the "Land Act of 1874."

They are further of opinion from the evidence adduced, that the Government have acted in accordance with the provisions of the "Land Act of 1874," in dealing with the Public Lands of the Province.

J. P. BOOTH,  
*Chairman.*