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### New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company. A Map of the Company's Tract of Land in the Province of New Brunswick

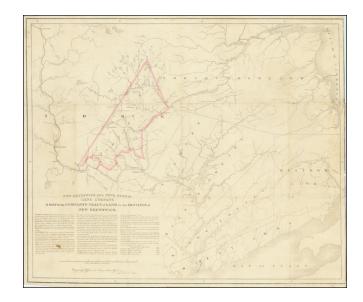
**Stock#:** 67637 **Map Maker:** Cross

Date: 1834
Place: London
Color: Outline Color

**Condition:** VG+

**Size:**  $27 \times 22 \text{ inches}$ 

**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

Scare early promotional broadside, advertising lands available in York County, north of the St. John's River and Fredericton.

The map is very detailed and also includes extensive promotional information. The map includes an advertisement for lands held by the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company. Organized in 1831, the company was one of major land companies driving emigration and development in Canada in the 1830s and 40s. These land companies purchased land from the Crown for relatively low prices and developed infrastructure for settlements before reselling the land to new settlers.

The map depicts the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company's tract of land in York County (here outlined in pink), more than 500,000 acres in all. It extends from the St. John River to the Gulf of Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, showing surrounding counties and the network of rivers that contribute to the tract's "finely water'd" soil. As the copy at bottom left states, "The Lands are neither mountainous nor hilly, but moderately undulating; and the soil in the valleys, and on the Tract generally, cannot be excelled in richness by any in the World."

In the *Transactions of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada*, Volume 12, Issue 1, p. 153 (1906), the map is described as follows:



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To the literature relating to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Land Company should be added, the reference in Munro's "New Brunswick," and a well-engraved map, dated 1836 [sic], scale 6 miles to the inch, entitled,—"New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company. A Map of the Company's Tract of Land in the Province of New Brunswick." This map gives a good deal of information about the Company's property,— of very roseate hue. It is the map which first places a great abundance of lakes on the upper branches of the Miramichi, a feature which persisted unto later maps.

### New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company

The New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company was one of three large privately capitalized land companies which actively promoted emigration to Canada during the first part the 19th Century. Along with the Canada Land Company (Upper Canada) and the British American Land Company (Eastern Quebec), the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company promoted emigration through either package deals involving transatlantic passage and land in their settlements, or other promotional means. Some of the emigrants were relocated by private land owners in Britain, who were willing to pay to have unnecessary tenants removed from their lands.

#### **Rarity**

OCLC locates 1 copy (BYU). We note another example in the Archives of Montreal.

#### **Detailed Condition:**