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Department of Indian Affairs

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*School Lands
Crowstand Boarding Sch.*



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Ottawa, April 13th, 1891.

Sir,

The enclosed memorandum of the Superintendent General, with reference to the proposed grant to the Presbyterian Church of \$1000 as a contribution from the Government towards the enlargement of the Boarding School at Crowstand has been referred from Council to the Minister of Justice.

With reference to the statement in the memorandum that the Presbyterian Church authorities have undertaken to secure to the Government, after patent to the site of the building has been issued to them, a joint interest in the ownership of the land on which the present buildings are located in consideration of this grant of \$1000, the Minister of Justice directs me to refer you to the similar case of the Methodist Indian

Orphanage at Morleyville. He presumes that the object of your Department in this case is the same as it was in the case of the grant made in aid of that institution, viz., to ensure that the property shall not, without the consent of the Superintendent General, be diverted

to

L. Vankoughnet, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General

of Indian Affairs,

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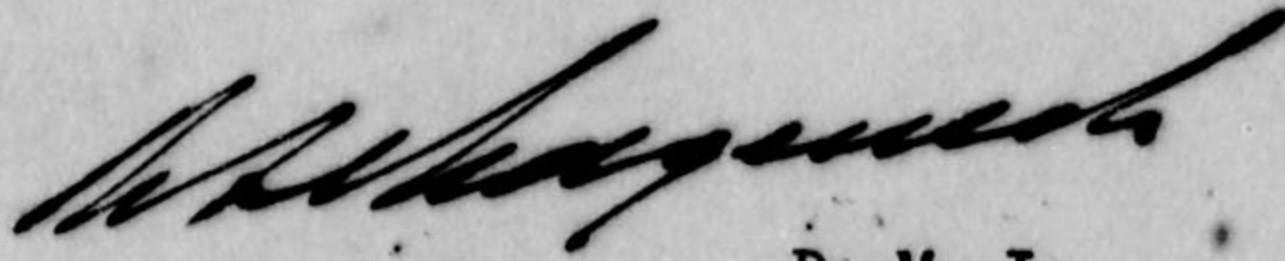
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to other uses than those at present contemplated. If this be so the Minister thinks that, unless some special reason to the contrary ^{exists} ~~is shown~~, the plan of securing this object which was adopted with reference to the Orphanage at Morleyville had better be followed in this case, i.e. when the letters patent for the site of the building are issued a condition should be inserted in them providing that the lands shall not, without the consent of the Superintendent General, be used for any purpose other than that of an Indian Boarding School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



D. M. J.

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The Rev. Andrew B. Baird
Winnipeg, Man.

SECY'S BRANCH,

MAY 4- 1891

WRITTEN.

Draft

Reverend Sir,

Referring to the
matter of the Indian Board-
ing school conducted under
the auspices of the Presbyterian
Church in the vicinity of
Chief Cote's Reserve, I
shall be obliged if you will
kindly furnish me with
a ~~statement~~ ^{description} ~~regarding~~ the
land comprised within
the school property: that
is to say, the Section or
part of Section, Range
and Township, as well
as the area thereof.
Yours Sincerely,

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✓

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A. M. Burgess Esq.
Deputy Minister of
The Interior

Draft

SECY'S BRANCH,

MAY 4- 1891

WRITTEN.

Sir,

I enclose herein copy
of a letter received by me
from the Deputy Minister of
Justice, dated the 13th ult.,
and a report to Council, re-
ferred to therein, from the
Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs, dated the
28th January last, respecting
the site of the Indian Board-
ing School at Crowstand
which is conducted under
the auspices of the Presby-
terian Church, and in re-
gard to which it is de-
sirable that, as the Govern-
ment proposes expending
money on the building, it
should be secured up the
site

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site by some title thereto.

You will observe that the Minister of Justice is of opinion that a similar course should be followed in this matter as that adopted in the case of the site of the Methodist Indian Orphanage at Morleyville, in respect to which I beg to refer you to the letter from your Department of the 15th November last, enclosing ^a draft form of letters Patent for the Orphanage site at the last named place, and to my letter to you in regard thereto, of the 24th of that month.

I shall be glad if you will inform me ~~if so far as you are aware~~ ^{there will be} any objection to a similar course being followed, as suggested by the Hon. the Minister of Justice, as respects ^{the patent for} the site of the Boarding school at Crowstand - Y. P. H. S. O.

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78746 Letter No.

Reference No. 263238.

Department of the Interior,

Address your reply as follows:
To the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Do not write about more than one
subject in the same letter.

Write legibly your full name and
address.

Ottawa, 19th May, 1891.



Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, Ref. 52549, and to inform you that the Deputy Minister sees no objection to a course being followed in regard to the issue of a patent for the land required for a Boarding School at Crow Stand conducted under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, similar to that adopted in connection with ^{the} site for the Methodist Indian Orphanage at Morleyville, but, as you do not mention the ~~plan~~ ^{land} required ^{for} of the site of this Boarding School, I am to ask you to advise this Department in regard thereto.

*With thanks
Connie for her 25th the Authorizes
of the Presbyterian Church of
written to for a description of the
land and upon receipt of the
information the same will be
communicated*

Yours,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lyndwood Percina

L. Vankoughnet, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Assistant Secretary.

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RETURN TO
CORRESPONDENCE BRANCH

52.549

A. M. Bursen Esq.
Secy of the Interior
Ottawa

May 24th 1891.

Sir,

I have the honor
to ack. with thanks,
the recd. of y. letter of the
19th inst. in regard to
the issue of Patent for
the land required for
a Boarding school
at Crowstand; and
in reply I beg to in-
form you that the
Authorities of the Presby-
terian Church have been
written to previously
to the recd. of your letter
for a description of the
land; and upon recd
of

LB
✓

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of the information
the same will be
communicated
to you.

James

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E.C.

(Copy)

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Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Winnipeg, Jan 30th, 1893.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church which has charge of its missions among the Indians, I beg to apply to the Government for a grant of the broken South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19 Township 29 Range 31 West of the First Principal Meridian.

This land was taken up in 1881 and has been continuously occupied ever since. There are now upon it buildings costing considerably more than \$5000 which are used for a boarding and Industrial School for Indian Children.

As evidence of date of occupation I submit to you the following extracts from our official minutes, the original minutes being also offered for your examination. Under date May 25th 1881 the record says: "Mr Flett was also authorized to select and occupy a site for a Foreign Mission station at the Crowstand."

At a later date in the course of the same meeting it is recorded that "Mr Cuthbert McKay, the missionary appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly to labor at the Crowstand, being present, the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbytery was instructed to furnish him with a commission and to instruct him to labor in the field assigned him under the direction

The Commissioner of Dominion Lands,
Winnipeg.

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"direction of Mr. George Flett."

In the annual report of the Foreign Mission Committee laid before the General Assembly in June of the following year these words occur "At Croftland near Fort Pelly a school has been opened for Indian children which promises to do much good. The teacher, Mr. Cuthbert McKay has been very successful."

I have also to inform you that the Indian Department has promised a sum of money in aid of school buildings for this mission and naturally before handing over the money, the Department asks that it have control of the site. I have to ask therefore that the following plot be reserved out of the Church property and transferred to the Indian Department. Commencing at a point 86 rods East of where the Northern boundary of Cote's Indian Reserve cuts the Western line of the above mentioned section thence 20 rods South thence four rods East, thence 20 rods North thence four rods West to the point of beginning.

When the patent is made out, it should be drawn in favor of the Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitoba and the North West as trustees for the General Assembly's Foreign Mission Committee."

I am,

Yours very truly,

(sgd) Andrew B. Baird.

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M. E.C. (Copy)

99594

Ref. 321472.

Department of the Interior,
Office of the Commissioner of Dominion Lands,
Winnipeg, 1st February, 1893.

Sir,

Encl: On the 16th ultimo I sent you a copy of a letter addressed to the Land Commissioner of the Manitoba and North Western Railway Company in reference to the fractional S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec 19 -- 29 -- 31 W. P. M. together with the original application of the Reverend Andrew Browning Baird on behalf of the Church and Manse Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada affecting this land. I have now to hand you copy of a letter from the Rev. Mr. Baird in which he explains at length the object that the Presbytery has in view in this application.

I may add that the official records of the Presbytery were produced by the Reverend gentleman and that the extracts which his letter contains are correct extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Baird is particularly anxious that if it is decided to patent this land to the Church the portion upon which the Indian Department proposes to establish the Industrial School shall be excepted from the patent.

He also desired me to draw your attention to the fact that in the declaration which is now in your possession he mentions 1880 as being the year in which this

The Secretary,

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa.

land

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land was first occupied by the Church Mission. Upon looking further into the matter, he has ascertained that the Mission first went into occupation of the premises in 1881.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) T. R. Burpé,

Secretary.

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Address your reply as follows:
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Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Do not write about more than one
subject in the same letter.

Write legibly your full name and
address.

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Letter No. 32147
Reference No. 319470
on 6th March, 1893.
E.C.
Department of the Interior
Ottawa
6th March, 1893.
I have the honour by direction to enclose herewith
for your information a letter from the Secretary of the
Dominion Lands Board, dated the 11th ultimo, enclosing a
communication of which a copy is also herewith enclosed,
from the Reverend Andrew Baird, asking on behalf of the
Foreign Mission committee of the Presbyterian Church for
a grant of the South half of Section 19, Township 29,
Range 31, West of the 1st Meridian, in connection with
the Mission and Industrial School for Indian Children
at that point.
As this is a matter which concerns your Department,
and as Mr. Baird says you have promised to grant finan-
cial assistance in the erection of buildings, it is pro-
posed, if you concur therein, to transfer the half sec-
tion in question to your Department, and leave it with
you to deal with the question of the Mission.
In the meantime the Agent has been instructed to
reserve this land for this purpose, if he has not in the
meantime otherwise disposed of it.
I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. Vankoughnet, Esq.,
Deputy of the Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.
Assistant Secretary.

Encs:

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Memorandum

14 March 1893

To Deputy Minister

With reference to your enquiry under I beg to state that there appears to be no description or sketch of the land occupied and used in connection with the Crow-stand Boarding School other than the descriptions contained in Mr-Pereira's letter and enclosures of 5th inst.

The half acre of land ^{which is} situated within the fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 19 Tp. 29 R. 31 W. of 1st M. appears ~~to in the correspondence~~ and described by Mr-Baird would appear to be the spot where the buildings stand.

(In Mr-Baird's description the "Northern Boundary" is evidently an error, should be "Southern Boundary".

If you desire a sketch, one ^{14/93} can be prepared here showing the said fractional $\frac{1}{2}$ section referred to in the correspondence and the half acre of land within it described by Mr-Baird.

Sam Mung

Yes - please
prepare this
sketch
14/93

W.H.

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Acty D. M. of the Interior

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SECY'S BRANCH,

MAR 20 1898

WRITTEN.

Sir -

Ref'g to the letter from
jr. Dept of the 6th inst. & to the
copies of the letter enclosed
therein from the Secy of the
Dom. Lands Board, dated the
18th inst., ^{from} the Rev. A.B.
Baied of Winnipeg, dated
the 30th Jan'y last, in which
the latter gentleman asks,
on behalf of the Foreign
Mission Com. of the Presbyterian
Ch. for a grant of the S¹/₂
of Sec 19, Tp. 29, R. 31,
W. of the 1st M, in connection
with the ^{Presbyterian} Mission ^{the} Indust.
School for Indian children
at that point, in regard to
which you state that, as it
is a matter which concerns
this Dept, & that no more

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Baird states that this Dept
has promised to give
financial assistance in the
erection of the buildings,
it is proposed, if I concur,
to transfer the half section
in question to this Dept
& leave it with me to
deal with with the question
of the Mission, & that in the
meantime the Agt has been
instructed to reserve this
land for the purpose, if he
has not otherwise disposed
of it. I beg to inform you
that there appears to be no
description of the land ^{especially} used in
connection with the Cross-Island
Boarding School other than
that contained in the ^{above} letter ^{of the 6th inst.} from
your Dept & its inclosure.

The half acre of land which
is situated within the fractional
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec 19, Tp 29, R. 31, W. of
18th M. W. appears to be the
spot where, according to W²

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Bairds letter, the ^{school} buildings
 stand; & I may here state
 that in Mr B's ~~letter~~
 description of the land
 there is an apparent error,
 as he describes as the
 northern boundary of
 Cote's Res. ~~what~~ what shd.
 be described as the
 southern boundary of sd.
 Res. I forward a sketch
 herewith, showing the fractional
 half section referred to in
 the letter from yr. Dept
 & the papers which accompanied
 it, & the half acre within
 the sd. fractional half section
 described by Mr B. as that
 on which the school buildings
 stand. I wd. suggest as
 preferable that Mr B. be
 instructed through the
 Com^r of Dom Lands at Winnipeg
 to have the school lot
 properly surveyed, & that,
 when this is done, a plan

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* description of the same
be forwarded to yr. Dept.
within a view to a grant
being made in the
usual way by O.C. for
the site of the school,
& then that yr. Dept. deal
with the remainder of the
franchise half section
in such a way as to will
meet the views of the
Presbyterian body & be at
the same time in
accordance with the rules
of yr. Dept.

Yours truly
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Letter No.

Reference No. 319470

M.E.B.

Department of the Interior,

100439

Ottawa, 6th April, 1893.



Address your reply as follows:
To the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior, Ottawa.

Do not write about more than one
subject in the same letter.

Write legibly your full name and
address.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 20th
ultimo, No. 52549, addressed to the Deputy Minister
of the Interior, respecting the application of the
Rev. A. B. Baird, of Winnipeg, for the grant of
land lying within the fractional South half of
Section 19, Township 29, Range 31 West of the 1st
Meridian, for the site of an Indian Industrial
school, I have the honour by direction to inform
you that the Commissioner of Dominion Lands in a
letter received subsequently to the communication
above referred to, reports that the Rev. Mr. Baird
states that your Department would prefer to acquire
10 acres of the land in question, instead of the
small area previously applied for.

In reply I am to say that before this
Department can take any definite action in the mat-
ter it will be necessary for your Department to
fyle here a proper description, made by a Dominion
Lands Surveyor, of the 10 acres to be granted, and
that as soon as such description is received here,
the matter will be submitted for the requisite
action

L. Vankoughnet, Esq.,

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

*1. To Mr. McKenna see party letter marked with
blue pencil & forward what has been omitted to be sent
in my letter of 20.4 ult. & say the Indian Affairs will be instructed
to meet from
Conrad Melbourn
Dept. of Interior meeting last paragraph & repeat
him to have necessary survey made by one of the Surveyors
attached to this Office*

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action by His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

A copy of this letter will be ^{trans}mitted to the Rev. Mr. Baird for his information and guidance.

I am to add that the enclosures referred to in the second page of your letter were not received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. J. G. Gervais

Assistant Secretary.

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The Dy Minister of
The Interior

SECY'S BRANCH,

APR 11 1898

WRITTEN.

By Min. of Interior

In reply to yr. letter
of the 6th inst. refg to mine
of the 20th ult. refg the
appln. of the Rev A. B. Baird of
Winnipeg
for a grant of land for the
site of an Ind ^{at Crowsham,} ~~Boarding~~ School,
I beg to enclose herein
the sketch referred to in
the 2nd page of my letter
of the 20th, but which,
through inadvertence was
not sent you with that
letter.

As to that part of yr.
letter in which you state
that it will be necessary
for yr. Dept to be furnished
with a Des. Rd. Surveyor's
description of the land in
question before definite action

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can be taken, I beg
to inform you that
the Ind Com will be
instructed to have ~~the~~
~~necessary~~ a survey made,
& on rec^d of the description
it will be forwarded
to you.

Yr obedient

The Ind Com
Regina Nov 4.

SECY'S BRANCH,
APR 11 1898
WRITTEN.

Sir-

I beg to enclose herein a
copy of a letter of the 6th
inst from the Rpt of the
Interior in regard to the
Rev. A. B. Baird's appln. for
a grant of land in connection
with the Crowstons Ind. Mission
Boarding
~~Industrial~~ School.

I have to direct your
attention to the second paragraph

of that letter, & request you to have the
necessary survey made & a description
of the land ~~forwarded~~ ~~for the~~ ~~Rpt~~ forwarded.

Yr obedient

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MAY 130 1893

OFFICE OF THE
Indian Commissioner, C.T.I.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES

Regina, 28th May, 1893. 18

ACCOUNTANT'S
JUN 1 1893
BRANCH.

Sir:-

I have the honour to refer to your letter (not numbered) of the 11th Ultime, enclosing copy of communication from the Department of the Interior relative to the Rev. A. B. Baird's application for a grant of land in connection with the Crowstend Indian Mission Boarding School, and requesting me to have the survey made and description of the land, required by that Department, forwarded to you.

JUN 8 1893

Since even if there were funds available for survey work before the beginning of the next fiscal year (which I have been advised by the Department there are not) it would be impossible before that date to obtain the description and have other formalities completed, in order to admit of the Church obtaining a title to the lands, and transferring the same to the Department, it becomes necessary to draw attention to the danger of the loss of the grant in aid of the building, amounting to \$1700.00 lapsing. In this connection I beg to refer to Department's letter of the 19th November last in which

Balance in
fund \$1700.00
as per 4662

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ADVICE SENT

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To the Deputy of,
The Supt. General,
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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in reply to a request that a cheque might be issued in favour of Rev. A. B. Baird in payment of the balance of grant in aid of the building. It stated that as the title to the land upon which the school is built had not been transferred to the Department by the Presbyterian Church, no further advance could be made, and added that it would like to see the accounts for any further expenditure which had been made upon the buildings.

The Rev. Mr. Baird was written to in the matter ^{and} in January last made application to the Department of the Interior for a documentary title, and that 10 acres be reserved and handed over to the Indian Department.

The only title the Church had to the land upon which the stone building has been erected was one of undisputed occupancy since the Mission was established and buildings erected in 1881 and 1882.

The out-come of the Church's application for a title which could be transferred is the requirement of the survey and description herein first referred to. Under the circumstances I would beg to strongly recommend that a cheque be issued for \$1700.00 the balance of the grant.

There is not the slightest ground to apprehend any reluctance on the part of the Church to fulfil its promise to transfer the title as soon as obtained, but in any case it would seem that the Department can perfectly well protect itself by arranging with the Department of the Interior to issue the title direct to it instead of to the Presbyterian Church.

With regard to Department's request in its letter
hereinabove

*See letter from Mr. Baird 26th Nov 1882
W. A. D. C. 110/11/11
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W. A. D. C. 110/11/11*

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herein-above quoted to see accounts for any further expenditure which had been made on the buildings, I beg to remind it that accounts attached to Voucher No. 4862^C paid by official cheque No. 4834, showed a total expenditure up to that time of \$3266.47 on the buildings, and since then beyond furnishing, the only outlay has been, as I am informed by the Rev. Mr. Baird, on some trifling additions, such as a porch, which he says he presumes would not be material to our purpose.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Harry Reed
Commissioner.

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Signature
The original of this Document has been removed for retention in the Records of the Indian Land Registry.

Certified Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL, on the 13th June, 1893.

On a Report dated 29th May, 1893 from the Minister of the Interior stating that an application has been made by the Revd. A.R.Baird, of Winnipeg, on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church for a grant of the fractional South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 20, Range 31 West of the 1st Principal Meridian, adjoining the Indian Reserve of Chief Gabriel Côté for mission purposes.

The Minister further states that Mr. Baird represents that the land in question was first occupied by the Presbyterian Church for mission purposes in 1831, and has been continuously occupied since that date, and that it is further represented that there are now upon it buildings costing considerably more than \$5,000., and Mr. Baird asks that, in the event of the half section in question being granted to the Presbyterian Church, a parcel of 10 acres surrounding and covering the site of the buildings be reserved thereout in order that it may be transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, that
Department.

To the Honourable
The Minister of the Interior.

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Department having agreed to contribute a sum of money in aid of such buildings and being therefore desirous of securing the control of the land immediately about them.

The Minister further states that in a letter dated 11th April, 1893, the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs states that the Indian Commissioner will be at once instructed to have a survey made of the parcel in question, as it will be necessary to have a description of the same filed in the Department of the Interior before it can be transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, but as the Presbyterian Church authorities are anxious to have the question of the grant settled as soon as possible, he, the Minister, sees no objection to the fractional half-section being in the meantime granted to the Church for mission purposes, subject to the reservation of the 10 acres required by the Department of Indian Affairs.

The Minister therefore recommends that the fractional South $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19, Township 22, Range 31 West of the 1st Meridian, adjoining the Reserve of Chief Gabriel Côté, be granted to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church for mission purposes; reserving thereout, however, a parcel of 10 acres surrounding and including the site of the school building on such half section, of which parcel a surveyor's description shall in due time be filed in the Department of the Interior by the Department of Indian Affairs.

The Minister further recommends that on such

description

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description being filed the 10 acres affected thereby
be transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs.

The Committee submit the above recommendations
for Your Excellency's approval.

(sgd) John J. McGee.

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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