

30 July

438

Rev. Sir

With reference to the suggestions contained in your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> ultimo addressed to the Indian Commissioner for the North West Territories, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Department by me respecting the selection of a site for the proposed Methodist Industrial Indian School in Manitoba, I have the honor to inform you that I am advised by the Indian Commissioner that in view of the time which must necessarily elapse under the most favorable circumstances

before

Rev. L. Sutherland O.S.

General Secretary

Methodist Mission

Winnipeg

before the School could be in operation,  
 he does not feel justified in recom-  
 mending, if the said request is to  
 succeed, that the growing crop be  
 purchased and a farmer placed  
 in charge; but that should it turn  
 out that our operations would  
 interfere with any part of the crop  
 before being harvested, it might then  
 seem advisable to take it over in  
 whole, or in part, but this the Depart-  
 ment will not find itself to do.

your obedient servant,  
 H. H. H. H.  
 Deputy of the Sup't Genl.  
 of Indian Affairs.