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Ottawa, 16th July, 1891.

Rev. Sir:-

The Indian Commissioner for the North West Territories has forwarded to this Department a copy of your letter to him of the 4th instant, expressing a strong desire that the site for the Red Deer Industrial School should be on Section 9 adjoining the new Town site and not as proposed on the East $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 14, Township 22, Range 28, West of the 4th Meridian.

In reply I beg to inform you that it is too late now to change the site, inasmuch as the Public Works Department were advised thereof in March last with a view to tenders being invited for the erection of the buildings thereon, and tenders have been advertised for, and no doubt, some have been and others will be received on or before the 10th August, the date fixed for receiving them. Moreover, this Department had contracted with a party to deliver building stone which has been done and sand for building purposes; and this fact was communicated to the Department of Public Works, with a view to the contracts for construction being based thereon.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland,

Genl. Secy. Missionary Dept. of the Methodist Church,

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You are aware that the Government did its utmost to secure the site which you propose we now substitute, and which, you state, the Saskatchewan Land Company who own it will likely exchange for other land; but all our endeavors to secure it were futile, as Mr. Moore and the other Officers of the Company refused over and over again to give the land in exchange for other land.

The quantity of stone delivered on the site selected by the Department, and upon which the tenders called for by the Public Works Department state the buildings are to be erected, consist of about 107 cords, and the cost of excavating and delivering the same was \$7.25 a cord. Sand sufficient for the buildings has also, it is believed, by this time been delivered at the proposed site. Further the Department has had 20 acres of land broken to be used in connection with the school, at a cost of \$20.00 an acre.

You will thus observe that it would be impossible at this late date to change the site as proposed by you, however desirable it might be to do so.

Your obedient servant



Deputy Supt. General of

Indian Affairs.

