

No. 82 44

105/36-4

OFFICE OF THE

Indian Commissioner for Manitoba and
the North-West Territories.

WINNIPEG, MAN.,

189

AGENCY.

Battleford Industrial School.

SUBJECT.

Reserves - location, subdivision & sale of.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
NO 116 520-
ALSO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.



Ottawa, 27th March, 1900-

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Sir,

*Wrote Lieut-Governor
2/4/900
Ack. 8/5/900*

I beg to refer you to a letter addressed to your predecessor, dated 8th November, 1894, in which he was informed that as Battleford was not then an incorporated Municipality, the application to have the streets closed, which are now included in the lands of the Battleford Industrial School, should be made to the Lieutenant Governor of the Territories. Will you kindly inform me what action has been taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. L. ...

Secretary-

Wm. L.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

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3 Apl.1900.

APR 9- 1900

Sir,

(File 1311)
I beg to enclose herewith a letter dated the 8th. November 1894 addressed by the Department to ^{my predecessor} yourself while Asst. Indian Commissioner, respecting the application of the Principal of the Battleford Industrial School to have certain streets and lanes in Battleford transferred to this Department for the purposes of the School.

I am now in receipt of a letter from the Department calling my attention to the letter referred to and asking what action has been taken in the matter. I have carefully gone over the file on the subject and cannot find any correspondence subsequent to the letter of the 8th. Nov. 1894.

There is a note in the margin of the letter to the effect that action was then "dropped". You may possibly remember the circumstances that led to the discontinuance of the negotiations, and I would be obliged if you would kindly give me whatever information you may be able to furnish.

Kindly return the enclosed letter.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner.

His Honour

The Lieut.-Governor E.W.T.

Regina, Assa.

ANSWER REQUIRED.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
REGINA.

4th April 1900.-

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File

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3d Inst. with enclosure, respecting an application of the Principal of the Battleford Industrial School to have certain streets and lanes in Battleford transferred to the Indian Department for the purposes of the School.

I return herewith the enclosure, regretting to be unable to throw any light regarding the circumstances which lead to the matter being dropped, as shown by the note in the margin. Mr. Mitchell, in whose handwriting the words "Action dropped" appear to be, might perhaps be able to do so.

Yours truly,

A. J. A. J.

Lieutenant Governor.

Hon. D. Laird,

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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APR 7- 1900

7 Apl.1900.

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a letter dated the 8th. November 1894, addressed by the Department to my predecessor, respecting the application of the Principal of the Battleford Industrial School to have certain streets and lanes in Battleford transferred to this Department for the purposes of the School.

I am now in receipt of a letter from the Department calling my attention to the letter referred to and asking what action has been taken in the matter. I have carefully gone over the file on the subject and cannot find any correspondence subsequent to the letter of the 8th. November 1894.

There is a note in the margin of the letter to the effect that action was then "dropped". You may possibly remember the circumstances that led to the discontinuance of the negotiations, and I would be obliged if you would kindly give me whatever information you may be able to furnish.

Kindly return the enclosed letter.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner.

The

Indian Agent,

Muscowpetung.

ANSWER REQUIRED.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
A-11 422/5-
ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.



Ottawa, 18th April, 1900-

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Sir,

ack. 8/5/900

I beg to refer you to a letter to your predecessor, of the 8th November, 1894, relating to certain Streets in Battleford, which it is desired to have closed, and transferred to this Department, for the use of the Battleford Industrial School, and to request you to be good enough to inform me what action was taken in the matter.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary-

WAO

The Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
REGINA.

23d April, 1900.-

no enclosure.
My dear Mitchell,

(Ref. 11422, 8th Nov. 1894 - File 1311)

I return herewith Mr. Reed's letter, re application of the Battleford Industrial School. The matter has already been referred to me by the Commissioner, but as I did not recall the circumstances which lead to the action being dropped, and the entry in the margin being in your handwriting, I advised writing to you, hoping that you might perhaps be able to give them the required information. I have not the least recollection of the facts, but if as you say, I took the letter to Ottawa, and on my return had the matter dropped, it must have been for the reason given you at the time, whatever that may be.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Mitchell Esq.

Indian Agent,

Muscowpetungs Indian Agency,

Qu'Appelle P. O. Assa.-

W. A. Gaget.

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Indian Agent's Office
MUSKOWPETUNG'S INDIAN AGENCY,
QU'APPELLE P. O. ASSA.

April 30th. 1900. 189

In your reply refer to
No. 20.
also to date of this letter.

Ref.: Your Letter 7th. instant 189 No. 82/44.

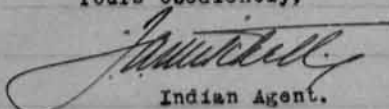
Sir,

In reply to your letter above mentioned,-
I regret that I am now unable to recall the circumstances under which the Department's letter No. 11,422 of 8th. November 1894 was placed on file by me ~~xx~~ without further action being taken thereon.

I am under the impression however that the subject matter of the letter received the personal attention of the then Indian Commissioner personally, either at Ottawa on on the occasion of an interview with Mr. Reed, the then Deputy of the Superintendent General, at Regina and that on my bringing the ~~xx~~ letter before the Commissioner later on, he instructed me to file it as no further action was necessary, for reasons not known to myself.

On receipt of your letter I wrote to the Hon. Mr. Forget to ascertain whether he could re-call the circumstances and I now enclose his reply.

Yours obediently,


Indian Agent.

The Indian Commissioner.

Winnipeg. Man.

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MAY 9 - 1900

9 May 1900.

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 27th. March last and 18th. ultimo, relating to certain streets, which it is desired to have closed and transferred to this Department for the use of the Battleford Industrial School; and in reply beg to state that I carefully looked over the file on the subject, but cannot find any correspondence subsequent to Department's letter of the 8th. November 1894, quoted in your letters.

There is a note in the margin of the letter of the 8th. November 1894 in the handwriting of Mr. Agent Mitchell, then corresponding clerk in the Regina Office, to the effect that action was to be "dropped". I communicated with both my predecessor and Mr. Mitchell in the matter, and they state that they cannot recall the circumstances which led to the matter being dropped.

The impression, however, is that the subject matter of the letter received the personal attention of Mr. Forget, either at Ottawa or on the occasion of an interview at Regina with Mr. Reed, the then Deputy of the Superintendent General, and that the latter gave instructions to file the letter as no further action was necessary, for reasons which I cannot ascertain.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Indian Commissioner.

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
A-116 820-
ALSO TO THE DATE OF THIS LETTER

ADDRESS ONLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.



Ottawa, 1st June, 1900-

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Sir,

*Write Principal
5/6/900*

With reference to your letter of the 9th Ultimo,
I have to request you to be good enough to ascertain
whether it is necessary or desirable to have the Streets
in the Townplot of Battleford referred to, closed.
In the event of this being desirable, will you please
take the action indicated in the letter to your prede-
cessor, of the 8th November, 1894.

Kindly advise me on this matter, at as early a
date as may be convenient, as inquiries are being made on
the subject by the Department of the Interior.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. M. Lean

Secretary-

WAO

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

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82/44

6 June 1900.

JUN 6 - 1900

Sir,

Will you kindly refer to correspondence had by the Regina Office with your predecessor in connection with an application to have the streets closed, which are now included in the lands of the Battleford Industrial School, and inform me whether it is necessary or desirable to have the streets referred to closed.

In the event of this being desirable, if Battleford is an incorporated village or town, you will please make application to the Council of the Municipality and request that a by-law be passed in the usual way, and submitted to the Lieutenant Governor of the N.W.T. for an order of his Government. If Battleford is not an incorporated Municipality you will kindly advise me and action will be taken by this Department, in the event of any being necessary.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Industrial School,

Battleford, Sask.

ANSWER REQUIRED.

Indian Industrial

at Battleford

82
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No 80

June 18th 1900



Sir,

copy
No 82⁴⁴ - Replying to your letter of 6th inst re closing of streets included in the lands reserved for this School, I beg to say that I consider it both necessary and advisable to have the streets and avenues closed, as only in that way can the School hope to be able to use the land.

Battleford is not incorporated. I would therefore be thankful if, as you say, the Department would take the necessary action to have this done.

While writing on this I would ask if the Dept. would reserve for the School Reserve all the portion of land from Second Avenue West to the Battle River lying between the present reserve and Second Street. This would take in one street and three rows of lots - the lots being about 153 in number - excepting of course any that may already belong to private parties. If we could obtain possession of this it would enable us to enlarge, to a considerable extent, the area we have under cultivation - and we need this -

Yours Obediently

E. Matheson

Principal

The Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg

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at Battleford

the land

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P. S.

Is there any reason why all the land on the South flat of the Battle River - east of the bridge, and road coming up the hill - should not be secured by the Department for the use of the School?

Some of this, of course, belongs to private parties, but I feel certain that, if what yet belongs to the Government were to be reserved for the use of the School, it would be an easy matter to get what we would want of the private property.

This would give us a greatly enlarged field for cultivation right close to us - a very desirable & necessary thing.

This flat will never be of any value for residences, as it is so low that it is frequently flooded in the spring - this is an advantage from an agricultural point of view as the flooding improves the land - The people who, in the early days built there have, years ago, left, and this flat is now practically deserted & going to waste, I would therefore respectfully ask that the Department would take the necessary steps to secure the land for the use of the School.

C. M.

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JUN 26 1900

26 June 1900.

Rev. Sir,

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 16th. instant, re certain streets running through the school grounds, which it is proposed to close and also mentioning the advisability of acquiring for the Battleford School certain lands situated in the flat alongside the Battle River, and in order to consider these matters intelligently to request you to provide me with a sketch and geographical description of the school reserve as it now is and also of the tract of land which you think should be added to same.

Yours truly,

Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Industrial School,
Battleford.

Indian Industrial School



at Battleford, Sask.

N^o 80.

July 9th 1900

Sir,

Copy made Sept 30/1900

82/44.

Copy

With further reference to the advisability of closing the streets and avenues running through the school grounds, and also acquiring certain lands on the south flat of the Battle River for the school, and in compliance with your letter of 26th June, N^o 82⁴⁴, I am sending you by this mail a sketch showing the lands already reserved and those which I think might, with some advantage be added to same.

The portions marked in red ink are those already reserved.

The portions marked in black ink are those which I wish to have added — excepting, of course, what is already registered as belonging to private parties. It is bounded on the West by Third Avenue West, on the North & East by the Battle River — and on the South by the school lands already reserved. I would also ask to have added whatever portion belongs to the Gov^t. of the lots lying between the "Cart Trail from Eagle Hills", and the school lands, west of Third Avenue West.

I would also ask to have the "island" in the Battle River, to the East of the school lands

The Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg.

lands added to the school property, as it would, with some fitting up, be a good place for a picnic ground, or for the children camping out occasionally, something we need -

I have copied the sketch from a map made in 1882, and sent to me by the Dep^t some years ago. In it you will notice that the bridge in use then has been abandoned, and a new one, built farther west - the trail from Eagle Hills, and all South, leading ^{down} up the hill, also changed its course, and now follows about on Third Ave. West. I am not sure if the bridge is exactly on the Avenue, it may be even a little west of it - but I have selected the Avenue as a definite boundary from where the trail touches it, in the middle of the hill, to the river.

Yours Obediently

E. Matheson
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30 Aug. 1900.

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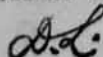
116,820

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 1st. June last, I beg to enclose herewith copies of letters dated the 16th. June and 9th. July last, from the Principal of the Battleford Industrial School, respecting certain streets in the Townplot of Battleford which it is desired should be closed to be reserved for school purposes. I also enclose a plan showing the lands in question.

I have had a conversation with the Principal recently on this subject, and from what he told me I am satisfied that the school requires the property asked, so far as not covered by private claims, and I would be glad if the Department could see its way to grant the Principal's request. Upon being advised of its decision in the matter I will take the necessary action to have the streets closed.

Your obedient servant,



Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Indian Industrial School

at Battleford, Sask.

March 26, 1901 -18-



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Sir.

Would you kindly let me know if the Department has secured, for the use of the School, the lands of the flat, about which we had some correspondence last summer.

I wish to enclose a little more than we have, and put it under cultivation, and the flat is the only place where a suitable piece can be obtained. So I hope it will be reserved for school use.

Yours obediently

E. Matheson

Principal

The Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg
Man.

82/44

3rd. April 1901.

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Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 30th. August last replying to yours of the 1st. June of the same year, respecting certain streets in the Townplot of Battleford which it is desired should be closed to be reserved for school purposes, I beg to enquire if the Department has arrived at a decision in the matter.

The Principal of the Battleford Industrial School is anxious to know if the Department has secured the lands in question, as he wishes to enclose more land than he has at present and put it under cultivation. He states that lands applied for are the only ones suitable for the school which can be obtained.

Your obt. servant,

Indian Commissioner,

Secretary,

Dept. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO THE
SECRETARY DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OTTAWA.



82/44

Ottawa, 11th April, 1901-

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Sir,

Write Principal 15/4/01
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant, No. 82-44, in which you enquire what action has been taken in connection with the desired addition of lands to the Battleford Industrial School, and to inform you that on receipt of your letter of the 30th August last, the matter was looked into, and application made to the Department of the Interior, for the desired lands. No reply has as yet been received.

The question has been again brought to the attention of that Department, and immediately on receipt of a reply, you will be informed of the action taken.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. M. Lean

Secretary-

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

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BATTLEFORD
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

May 8th 1901

No 80

see 1311- old file

Sir,

Some time ago a local surveyor was sent up - as he said, by the Territorial Government, to locate a public ^{road} from the Battle River bridge running eastward. He surveyed it right through the school grounds, between the main building and the river. I informed him that I would object to a road being put there, it goes through the best wooded part of our reserve, and besides being an expensive place to build a road, it would, if allowed to go there, cause the school & the Department, to incur the expense of building about two miles of new fencing, to enclose the road on each side - Our enclosure is poor enough as it is, but a roadway cut out there would make it worse, and cause us considerable inconvenience.

I may say that this is the third time, at least, that this has been attempted. On the two previous occasions the Indian Department refused to give its consent to a road

The Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg.



road going through the School grounds at that place, and I hope the Department will still hold to that refusal.

Hitherto the road in use over the flat has sufficed; if it is seen to be advisable or necessary to have it elsewhere I would not protest so strongly against bringing ~~over~~ back fence in a little nearer, and allowing the road to pass behind it.

This would be cheaper, and better.

If the Department in Ottawa are the ones to whom this letter should be sent, will you kindly forward it, or else communicate with them on the subject, as I suppose the Territorial Govt will communicate with you or them if any action is to be taken in the matter.

Yours obediently
E. Matheson
Principal,

82/44

15 May 1901.

MAY 15 1901

Rev. Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th. instant in regard to the survey of a Public Road through the grounds of the Battleford Industrial School, and to refer to my letter of the 3rd. of February 1897 in which you were informed of the Department's willingness to allow a road to be opened up provided it is located well down the hill-side at a spot satisfactory to you. You were asked to submit a rough sketch showing where it would be best to place it.

You could not do so at the time on account of the snow and we have no trace that you have since done so.

We have a plan here of the town lots and streets adjoining the school grounds and I should be obliged if you would mention where you would prefer to have the road and also where the present survey has been made.

Yours truly,

A.L.
Indian Commissioner.

Principal

Industrial School,

Battleford, Sask.

ANSWER REQUIRED.

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No. 116820/1.

Copy.

Department of the Interior,

Ottawa, 30th April, 1901.

Sir,-

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst., No. 116820/1, respecting the addition of certain land to the Battleford Industrial School, I am directed to inclose you herewith a schedule showing how the different lands applied for as shown by the plan which accompanied your letter of the 15th September last, stand in the records of the Department. The lands shown in the schedule as patented or leased, are of course, not available, but with respect to the balance of the lands applied for, I am to say that where the plan or the books show improvements or buildings, or the name of any claimant, it will be necessary for your Department to satisfy this Department that the claims have been relinquished or extinguished or otherwise satisfied.

Encl.

Your obedient servant,

P.G. Keyes,

Secretary.

J.D. McLean, Esq.,

Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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Battleford South

Schedule showing position of lands applied for by Department of Indian Affairs in connection with extension of Indian Industrial School Reserve.

West of Central Avenue.

First St. North Side

Lot 1	Clear	Plan shows store
2	"	"
3	"	
4	"	Plan shows R.C. Church
5	"	" " R.G. Laurie
6	"	" " "
7	"	" " "
8	"	To be sold to Jas. McKay estate at up set price.
9	"	" " " " " " "
10	"	" " " " "
11	"	
12	"	
13	"	
14	"	
15	"	Plan shows stable
16	"	
17		Patented McKay Estate
18		" "
19		" "
20		" "
21	Clear	
22	"	Plan shows Smart enclosure & house
23	"	
24	"	Enclosure no name. Reserved for bridge and approaches.
25	"	" " "
26	"	
27	"	
28		

First St. North side

2.

Lot 29	Clear	Plan shows A. Gilbert enclosure
30	"	" " "

South side

Lot 1	Clear
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2	"
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3	"
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4	"
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5	"
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6	"
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7	"
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12	"
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16	"
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17	"
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18	"
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19	"
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20	"
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21	"
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22	"
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23	"
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24	"	Reserved for bridge approaches
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25	"	" " "
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Sec. St. North side

1	Clear	Plan shows house
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2	"	Plan shows store
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3	"
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4	"	Plan shows house
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5	"
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6	"	Plan shows house and P.G. Laurie
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Sec. St. North side

Lot 7	Clear	Plan shows P.G. Laurie.
8	"	Plan shows house. To be sold to Jas. McKay Estate.
9	"	To be sold to Jas. McKay Estate
10	"	To be sold to Jas. McKay Estate
11	"	Plan shows house
12	"	" "
13	"	" Saloon
14	"	" "
15	"	
16	"	
17		Patented McKay Estate
18		" "
19		" "
20		" "
21		(Patented McHaffery & Clinkskill 2 lots free. Plan shows F.A. Smart enclosure remainder at upset price.
22	"	(Plan shows F.A. Smart enclosure
23	"	Plan shows R.C. School
24	"	" " "
25	"	Reserved for bridge approaches
26	"	" "
27	"	
28	"	
29	"	Plan shows A. Gilbert enclosure
30	"	" " " "

South side

Lot 1	Clear	
2	"	
3	"	
4	"	
5	"	
6	"	Plan shows house

Sec. St. South side

Lot 7 Clear

8 "

To be sold at upset price to T.T.Quinn.

9 "

Plan shows A. McPheeson.

10 "

11 "

12 "

13 "

14 "

15 "

16 "

17 "

Plan shows C.Pruden's enclosure

18 "

" "

19 "

" "

20 "

Plan shows C. Pruden's enclosure and
A. Sufferin's enclosure.

21 "

2 lots free remainder at upset price

22 "

" "

23 "

" "

24 "

Reserved for bridge approaches

25 "

" "

26 "

Patented to McKay Estate

27 "

" "

28 "

" "

29 "

" "

30 "

" "

Third St. North side

Lot 1 Clear

2 "

3 "

4 "

5 "

6 "

7 "

8 "

Third St. North side

Lot	9	Clear	
	10	"	
	11	"	
	12	"	
	13	"	
	14	"	
	15	"	
	16	"	
	17	"	
	18	"	A. Sufferin's enclosure on plan
	19	"	" " "
	20	"	" " "
	21	"	
	22	"	
	23	"	
	24	"	Reserved for bridge approaches
	25	"	" " "
	26	"	Plan shows "M. Church".
	27	"	
	28	"	(W. Latimer's enclosure) (29) J. Clink-
	29	"	{ on plan. } skill on plan
	30	"	{ }

South side

Lot	1	Clear
	2	"
	3	"
	4	"
	5	"
	6	"
	7	"
	8	"
	9	"

Third St. South side

Lot 10 Clear

11 "

12 "

13 "

14 "

15 "

16 "

17 "

18 "

A. Sufferin option purchase upset price

19 "

" "

20 "

" "

21 "

22 "

23 "

24 "

25 "

26 "

27 "

28 "

(28,29,30, Plan

29 "

Patented W. Latimer { shows W.Latimer's

30 "

{ enclosure

Fourth St. South side

Lot 21 Clear

Patented McKay Estate

22

23

" "

24

" "

25

" "

26

" "

27

" "

28

" "

29

" "

30

" "

31

" "

32

" "