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Sir:-

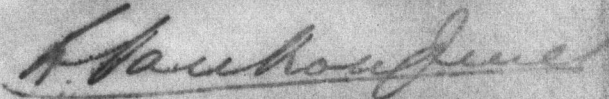
I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant stating your desire, for reasons given therein, to be relieved of the duty of attending to land matters in the Townships which formerly were under an Agent station at Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, these reasons being the poor health which you have and which has been to some extent superinduced by the exposure to which you have been put in crossing during cold and stormy weather to Manitoulin Island and in reaching the different points in the townships which you have been required to visit, more especially referring to the hardships attending such journeys during the Winter Season.

In reply I beg to inform you that I had recently a conversation with S.J. Dawson, Esq., M.P. for Algoma, upon this subject, and he promised me to write to you in the matter. I would be glad before coming to a conclusion to be informed by you, if the Department was willing to give you an assistant in the Indian Office at Cockburn Island who could do the necessary travelling to different points to look after land and timber, whether you would be willing to retain the superintendency of the work connected with the disposal of property within the above townships.

B.W. Ross, Esq.,  
Indian Lands Agent,  
Cockburn Island, Ont.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant



Deputy Supt. General of  
Indian Affairs.