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Ottawa, July 8, 1913.

Sir,

An informal application has been made by Mr. J. D. McArthur, President, Edmonton, Dunvegan & British Columbia Railway Company, Winnipeg, Man., for right of way for the said railway through Indian Reserves Nos. 150 and 150 A also to purchase a portion of the last mentioned Reserve. Mr. McArthur suggests that the right of way should be granted free. He has been informed that lands for Indians are held in trust in this Department for them and cannot be granted without fair compensation therefor; also he is to forward plans to this Department and that entry is not to be allowed on an Indian Reserve for construction purposes until the right of way has been arranged for with this Department.

In accordance with the practice of the Department on the receipt of the said plans copies of them will be forwarded to you in order that you may be able to make valuations of the right of way and damages and damages to Indian improvements. Please note especially that necessary surveys may be made across Indian reserves but entry on them for construction purposes is not to be allowed until the right of way has been duly arranged for with this Department.

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Your obedient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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