

The Minister recommends that Messrs. Fowler and Muirhead be authorized to make the requisite exploration and survey of the 25 miles applied for during the present season, and that on the same being duly approved by the Department of the Interior, the lease be issued to Messrs. Fowler and Muirhead accordingly, it being understood that the expense of such exploration and survey is to be borne entirely by the lessees.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, J. O. COTÉ, C.P.C.

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.

Messrs. DICK & BANNING.—Timber limit situate on Sandy Bar Creek, Lake Winnipeg, Keewatin; area, 12,800 acres.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 7th October, 1878.*

On a memorandum, dated 4th October, 1878, from the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, submitting the application of Messrs. Dick & Banning, of Winnipeg, for a timber limit to the extent of twenty square miles, the same to be selected by them, on any of the small streams falling into Lake Winnipeg, and stating that being aware that the applicants have been engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Manitoba for a number of years, and have invested a large amount of capital in the enterprise, he recommends their application to the favorable consideration of Council, provided—

1. That the selection for their limit be made within a period of two years from the date hereof.

2. That they pay to the Government for the said limit a bonus of twenty dollars per square mile.

3. That the limit to be selected by them shall not form any part of any Indian Reserve, or of any Indian lands which may have been set apart by the Government for any purpose whatsoever.

4. That the said limit shall be held in all respects subject to the conditions in that behalf contained in the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 4th February, 1879.*

On a memorandum, dated 20th January, 1879, from the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, having reference to the Order in Council of the 7th October last, authorizing the grant of a timber limit to the extent of twenty square miles in favor of Messrs. Dick & Banning, of Winnipeg, lumber merchants, to be selected by them on any of the small streams falling into Lake Winnipeg, and the selections to be made within two years of the date of the Order, upon certain specified conditions.

The Minister reports:—

(1) That it is inexpedient to permit the privilege of selection to be extended over all the streams falling into Lake Winnipeg, and that the period is unnecessarily prolonged within which it is provided that selection may be made.

(2) That he is informed that the application of Messrs. Dick & Banning for a limit is entitled to consideration, in view of the facts that the applicants have been engaged in the manufacture of lumber in the Province of Manitoba for a number of years, and have by their operations contributed to no small extent to the supply of the article to settlers, and in this way encouraged immigration into the country.