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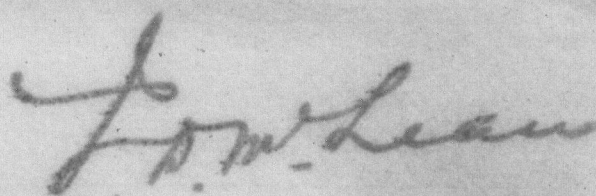
OTTAWA, 4th March 1903-

Sir-

Referring to Assignment forwarded with your Return of Assignments for the Month of January from John Purdy to Alexander Neilson, covering the water frontage of Lots 6, 7 and 8 Bay Street, Manitowaning, I beg to say that if these water lots are in a public harbour, they cannot well be patented without the concurrence of the Department of Marine & Fisheries,

Before the Assignment is accepted for registration under the Indian Act, the Assignee should be informed that by reason of ^{the} decision in the Fisheries Case, the right to these Lots is not in the Department, and the Department cannot patent them without the consent of the Department of Marine & Fisheries, which has been applied for.

Your obedient servant



Secretary-

C. L. D. Sims, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Manitowaning,

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