

« Honorable Prime Minister, then Minister
« of Colonization and Public works.

« In a letter addressed by him to Honor-
« able Mr. Parent who was at that time Com-
« missioner of Crown Lands, he stated on the
« occasion of the opening of the Gouin road.

« To* derive all possible advantage from
« the projected works whose cost will be ra-
« ther heavy, I have the honor to request that
« you hold these lots in reserve for the bene-
« fit of the Department of Colonization, by
« instructing your Agent whom it may con-
« cern, to sell them only to colonists whom we
« will designate to him and who will have
« been approved of by us. We will thus have
« lots of land at the disposal of the new arriv-
« als, and we will be enabled to establish them
« in groups. Otherwise, it is reasonable to pre-
« sume that things will happen there, as they
« have happened elsewhere, and some fine day
« it will be found that everything will have
« been taken up, with a few colonists residing
« here and there, and the road unopened and
« its maintenance altogether neglected. I
« should think it worth while to give this idea