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Re Lots 7 and 9, in the Parish of St. Agathe, Manitoba.

OPINION

FOR

: HON. HENRY J. CLARKE, Q.C.

I have carefully read the evidence produced in support of your claim and application to obtain patents for lots 7 and 9, in the Parish of St. Agathe, Manitoba, and contained in the "Statement of Facts" prepared by James Beaty, Esq., Q.C., and I have had very little difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that your title is perfect, just and equitable. Putting aside all contradictory evidence, I believe that you have established by witnesses, whose credibility is unimpeached, and in a very full and conclusive manner, to my mind, that, through your "auteurs," assignors or predecessors, you were in full and peaceable possession of the lands now described in the Dominion Surveys as lots 5, 7 and 9, in the Parish of St. Agathe, on the 15th day of July, 1870, and for a long time before and after that date, and that such peaceable possession constitutes a full and clear title under the provisions of the Act 33 Vic., chap. 32, commonly known as the Manitoba Act. But if it were possible to doubt your right under that Act, a thing I cannot imagine possible, you would still be fully entitled, as a squatter, to purchase at the Government price fixed by Order in Council.

I have read the opinion of Mr. Beaty, and I fully agree with him in the opinion that your claim and title are proved.

D. GIROUARD, Q.C.

OTTAWA, 13th May, 1882.

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I have carefully read and considered the facts produced in support of the application of the Hon. H. J. Clarke for patents

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