

tioned Order in Council, and that the period for the erection of the mill be extended for one year from the date of the approval of this recommendation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. AIKINS.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 2nd March, 1874.

On the application, dated the 1st December last, of R. Fuller & Co., forwarding the bonus of \$900 on the timber limit of sixty square miles, consisting of the islands in the north part of the Lake of the Woods, and requesting, now that the Indian title has been extinguished, that the said islands may be surveyed, and that they may receive a lease of these limits, as provided for under the Order in Council passed in their behalf.

The Surveyor-General of Dominion Lands in his report, dated 26th February, 1874, recommends that he be authorized to cause a survey of such of the said islands as may contain merchantable timber, and that upon such survey the applicants receive a lease of such of the said islands as they may select, up to the extent of the sixty square miles, it being, however, understood,—

1. That the lease is to be subject to the consent of the Indians in the event of the islands selected falling within the sections to be set apart as reserves, which, under the treaty, are to be administered by the Government.

2. That so soon as railway communication is opened up between the Lake of the Woods and Fort Garry, the interim privilege of cutting timber on Big Black Island, in Lake Winnipeg, enjoyed by them, is to cease; and

3. That in case the islands selected by the said parties should fall within the sections to be set apart as reserves, as above, and the consent of the Indians to the lease thereof cannot be obtained, then that the said parties shall have the right to select limits to an equal extent, in lieu thereof, elsewhere on the Dominion Lands, such selection to be subject to the approval of the Minister of the Interior.

On the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, the Committee advise that the report of the Surveyor-General be approved and acted on.

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

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.

(Memorandum.)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, DOMINION LANDS OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 18th June, 1875.

The undersigned has perused carefully the report made by Lachlan Kennedy Esq., D.L.S., respecting his survey of the islands and certain part of the mainland in the north part of the Lake of the Woods.

Respecting the timber limit of sixty square miles for Messrs. Fuller & Co., of Hamilton, which Mr. Kennedy was instructed to survey last year, the undersigned agrees with him that it would not be in the interests of the Department to spend any more money in the survey of this limit, and looking at all the facts and circumstances, he begs respectfully to recommend Mr. Kennedy's suggestion, that the whole of the remaining islands, together with a certain portion on the mainland, not to exceed, say ten miles, in addition to the islands, shall be entered in the lease to Messrs. Fuller & Co., as in full of their sixty square miles of limits, it being understood that the survey of this additional ten miles on the main shore to make up the sixty miles shall be entirely at the expense of the lessees.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. DENNIS, *Surveyor-General.*

The Hon. Minister of the Interior, Ottawa.