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Sir,-

Under an agreement between the Department of the Interior and the Hudson Bay Company the following lands within the fertile belt become the property of the Hudson Bay Company as soon as the Townships are surveyed and the surveys confirmed.

"In every fifth township, that is every township whose number is divisible by five all of Section 8 and all of Section 26"

"In all other townships all of Section 8 and the South half and North West quarter of Section 26".

A number of the Indian Reserves in the said fertile belt were laid out prior to the surveys of the townships having been made by the Department of the Interior; it is of course apparent that a large number of the Sections bearing the above numbers lie within the said Indian reserves.

A number also of Indian Reserves in the said fertile belt were constituted reserves after the surveys were made by the Department of the Interior.

In a few instances the patents for the Hudson Bay Co's lands had already been issued; in the great majority of cases no patents have issued. An attempt was made apparently without success, some years ago by the Department

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