

Ottawa, December 6, 1917.

Sir,--

With reference to the letter and enclosures from Messrs Holding, Masten, Duncan & Leckie in the matter of the claim of Mr. Price McKinney against Doran's or Sheep Island which was referred to this Department, I beg to say that in view of this claim it will be necessary to take formal expropriation proceedings by depositing a plan and description of this Island in the office of the registrar of deeds for the county in which the Island is situated as provided by Section 8, Chap. 143, R.S.C.

As this Island is being acquired by your Department the filing of the plan and description and the correspondence with Mr. McKinney's solicitors should properly be conducted through your Department. This Department will prepare a plan and description for you and will forward it to you as soon as it is completed. In the meantime I would suggest that you acknowledge Mr. McKinney's solicitors' letter advising them that this claim is receiving consideration and that they will be notified of any proceedings that may be taken to have the validity of their claim determined.

This Department has on file a duplicate copy of the document enclosed with Messrs Holding, Masten, Duncan & Leckie's letter to you and is keeping a copy of their letter, and I am returning to you herewith their letter and document.

Your obedient servant,

L. M. Leckie
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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