

1880, January 10.—Clarke wrote a letter to Department claiming or reviewing his claim to the lots, and noting points in the evidence for the consideration of the Department.

Henry Joseph Clarke.—Declaration 10th January, 1880.

5. In Joseph Goudon's declaration before Mr. Sedley Blanchard, in the matter of Lot "9," made on the 19th of July, 1879, in contradiction of his former declaration of the 3rd of May, 1879, in support of my application, I find the following statement: "1. *From the year 1866 until the year 1872, I lived in what is now known as Lot number five (5) of Dominion Surveys of the Parish of St. Agathe*" aforesaid, while, on the same day, and before the same Mr. Sedley Blanchard, Joseph Goudon declared—to contradict his former declaration, of the 3rd of May, 1879, in support of my application for Patents for lots 5 and 7—as follows: "*In the year 1871, I sold to Henry J. Clarke, of the City of Winnipeg, my said claim, and I moved off the same in the month of December of the same year.*" These two statements contradict each other very materially, as it will at once be seen, and they are both untrue, firstly, because Joseph Goudon's own two declarations sent to the Surveyor General in support of my applications for Patents for lots 5 and 7, and lot 9, contradict them. Secondly, because I declare that Joseph Goudon was still living on the land purchased from him, now lots 5 and 7, when Mr. Martin, the surveyor, was making his survey in the fall of 1872, and did not leave the house till late in the winter of 1872-3, and, lastly, because it will be seen that in 1872, on the 8th day of July, Joseph Goudon and wife signed my deed of sale of the land in question, a registrar's copy of which deed is in the hands of the Surveyor General in support of my claim; and in that deed, made and signed in presence of George Roy, Esq., Deputy Provincial Secretary, and by him read to the vendors in the French language, among others is the following covenant: "The said party of the first part covenants with the said party of the third part, that he hath a right to convey the said lands and premises to the said party of the third part, he, the said party of the first part, having owned and possessed, and permanently resided on and regularly cultivated the same for over seven years past.

6. Joseph Goudon, when making his declaration on the 3rd of May, 1879, in support of my application for lot number "9," himself volunteered the statement set forth in his declaration: "I was personally acquainted with Michael Meehan for a great many years; we worked together on the road cutting wood and camping together long before he settled on the land now the subject of this application. 3. At least two years before the fifteenth

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