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Ottawa, Ont. November 18th. 1922.

Dear Mr. King:

I have your letter of the 15th. instant, following my enquiry of the 13th. as regards the claim for reparation on the part of the City of Portage la Prairie, arising out of the diversion of the Assiniboine River by the Dominion Government.

As apparently you have misapprehended the purport of my letter, may I briefly state the situation again. In 1908 the Dominion Government constructed a cut out diverting the course of a large share of the Assiniboine River just south of Portage la Prairie city. The city sewage system at that time emptied into the portion of the river immediately affected by the cut out. The effect of the current in the years since has gradually increased the waterflow through the cut out and diminished the waterflow through the old course, with the ultimate result of drying the old course out. The damage to the city of Portage la Prairie as a consequence, arises from the fact that a new sewage outlet must be found and the necessary constructions made. The city looks to the

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