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Ottawa, 30th January, 1903-

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th Instant, No. 26,801, stating that Mr. George Alva Tuthill wishes to have the payment of \$76.80, made by him in October last, on the S.E. 1/4 Sec. 9 - 43- 85 T. 4 N., Sharphead Reserve, applied on the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 19- 43 - 26, same Reserve, Sale 85, I have to inform you that both these Quarter Sections are entered in Mr. Tuthill's name, under Sale No. 85. I may also state that the payment referred to above, is shown by your Land Return for October last, to have been made on both these Quarter Sections, under that Sale No. as one account.

Under the circumstances, the Department is not disposed to apply the money on the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 19, as requested, without some information as to the reasons for such application of the money. You will, therefore be good enough to state why Mr. Tuthill desires the transfer of the amount to the amount S.W. 1/4 Sec. 19, and also state whether you would recommend that this be done.

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Cottingham, Esq.

Dominion Lands Agent,

Red Deer,

N.W.T.

Secretary-

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