

Ottawa, 21st Feb., 1903.

Sir,-

That portion of the tract of land lying west of the Assiniboine river in township 31, range 32, west of the 1st Meridian, which was surveyed by this Department in 1887 for hay purposes was relinquished by this Department in 1899 to be appropriated for the use of the Doukhobors.

It is now desired to secure permanently a portion of the south part of the said tract. The part desired is shown approximately lying to the west of the Assiniboine river and bordered red on the plan herewith inclosed.

In order to secure this land the Indians are willing to surrender in exchange the portion adjacent to the north boundary of Indian reserve No. 64, which is also shown on the plan inclosed being bordered green thereon.

I may say that the exchange is very much desired in the interest of the Indians, and I shall feel obliged if you will inform me whether the same may be effected. If the exchange may be made the necessary surveys will be made as soon as ^{the} work may be conveniently undertaken, and a copy of the plan will then be submitted to your Department for approval and action.

P.G. Keyes, Esq.,

Secretary,

Dept. of the Interior,
Ottawa.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. Pedley
Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.