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SIR-

With reference to your letter of the 12th inst. No. 82-28, I have to say that the acting Dy. Minister of the Interior in reply to a request from this Department sent a statement in 1891 containing the names of claimants to lots in the Fort Alexander Reserve together with the facts alleged under which each claimant prefers his claim.

The following are extracts from the said statement:- Lot 9, - Louis Pruden a half breed was living on this lot on the 15th July 1870. He sold about 1873 to Bernard Ross, now deceased. The Chief of the Band contends that a grant of 3 or 4^{acres} should satisfy the claims of the heirs of Bernard Ross and that he has given the remainder of the lot to an Indian who now occupies it as a member of the Band. I think the heirs of Ross are clearly entitled to a free grant of this lot!

* Lot 11 - Louis Jourdain lived on this land on the 15th. July 1870 and afterwards sold to A.R. Lillie. It is not clear whether Jourdain was in Treaty or not when he sold to Lillie. Of course it may be held that Jourdain being an Indian could not claim the land, but further enquiry might be made as to the date on which Jourdain sold to Lillie and the date on which he entered Treaty!

These extracts contain practically all the information the Department has in connection with these lots.

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