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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, No. 5073, in regard to sales 121, 122 and 124, each covering two river lots in the Long Sault reserve, and in reply to say that your interpretation of the instructions given by the Department in letter addressed you on the 11th of November last, in which you were informed that it had been decided to allow a sale to be made of two river lots where the area of the river lots did not exceed one quarter section, or approximately 160 acres, is quite incorrect, and cannot in any way bear the interpretation placed thereon by you.

In view of the fact that you have made sales to purchasers of two river lots exceeding the limit authorized by instructions, the Department is not disposed to disallow the same, which might be considered by the purchasers as unwarranted, in view of the fact that they have paid their money in good faith, but no further sales must be made where the combined area of the two lots exceeds to any considerable extent the total area of 160 acres.

I would call your attention to the fact that there are a number of lots in the Long Sault reserve containing eightyodd acres, and there would be no objection

