

Practically all the above surveys are in wet and marshy country and I have on that account delayed starting a party to the field, but the local conditions should now be suitable as soon as a party can be organized.

As none of these surveys are large, I consider the only practicable way to perform the work is to employ one Dominion Land Surveyor to take charge of them all, with Mr. H. W. Fairchild of this Department to act as his assistant and represent the interests of the Department in negotiating with the Indians concerning the selection of the lands.

In January last, the Department received an application from Mr. C. D. Brown, 182 Home Street, Winnipeg. Mr. Brown, in addition to being a Dominion Land Surveyor, is also a Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Land Surveyor. However, I do not know whether his services are available at the present time. His is the only application we appear to have received from that district in four or five years.

Details of instructions are now practically completed and if you approve of the programme, could be issued as soon as I am informed of the Dominion Land Surveyor to be engaged.

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