

of the Province of Manitoba, and to request you to cause copies of such of the maps and documents asked for, as may be in the possession of your Department, to be prepared and sent to me with as little delay as possible.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

G. POWELL, *Under Secretary of State.*

Deputy Minister of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, MANITOBA,
WINNIPEG, 2nd November, 1883.

SIR,—In view of the interest in which the public have taken, and will probably continue to take, in the question of the rights of Manitoba in the disputed territory, it is deemed wise to procure the most reliable information on the subject.

I have the honor, therefore, to request that you will kindly cause to be forwarded, for the use of this Government, copies of all maps and documents bearing upon the case, more especially those referring to the old Hudson's Bay Company's charter; we wish also to have authentic copies of the maps of the territory, showing the old Province of Pennsylvania, and especially of the courses as laid down in the charter.

You will greatly oblige by losing no time in procuring these documents and forwarding the same to me.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obedient servant,

A. M. SUTHERLAND, *Provincial Secretary, Manitoba.*

Hon. J. A. CHAPLEAU, Secretary of State, Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CANADA.

Name—Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba; address—Winnipeg, Manitoba; date 9th-15th May; subject—sale of school lands in Manitoba.

Contents—Privy Council, May 19, 1883. Referred to the Minister of the Interior.

JOHN J. MCGEE.

Action—15th May acknowledged and referred to the Honorable the Privy Council.

By Command,

HECTOR L. LANGEVIN, *Acting Secretary of State.*

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, on Saturday the 5th of May, 1883.

“Land Commissioner Walsh had an interview with the Minister of Public Works the other day, in reference to the projected sale of school lands, in the Province of Manitoba, asking to have their opinion in respect to those sections which, in their estimation, should be placed upon the market, and which would be likely to secure a high price. In looking over the Dominion Lands Act, the undersigned finds that provision is made by which any school section that becomes valuable through railway intersection, or through it being situated advantageously for a town site, will be sold, and the proceeds, less the amount that would be realized for farm lands within the same township, appropriated by the Dominion Government for Federal uses. The undersigned takes this opportunity of strongly protesting against the appropriation, by the Government of Canada, of any of the moneys accruing from the sale of school lands. The revenue of the Province being already very insufficient, it would be the height of injustice on the part of the Federal authorities to appropriate a portion of what Parliament contemplates for the sole use of promoting education in this Province.