I shall be greatly obliged if you will send a prompt reply, addressed to me, either directly to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, South Kensington, London, England, or through the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa.

Yours faithfully,

Signed, CHARLES TUPPER, Executive Commissioner.

OTTAWA, Oct. 14th, 1886.

To COUNTY CLERK, Welland, Ont.

## RE NIAGARA FALLS AWARD—FROM ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

TORONTO, 30th Aug., 1886.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing, by direction of the Council of the County of Welland, a memorial praying His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to confirm the appointment, made subsequent to the 16th August, 1886, of His Honor Judge Baxter, as the arbitrator on behalf of the Town of Niagara Falls, to readjust the compensation to be paid by the said town for the ensuing five years to the County of Welland, from which it withdrew in 1881, and in case Judge Baxter declines to accept the appointment, to appoint an arbitrator to act in this matter in connection with the arbitrator appointed by the County of Welland, and to inform you that the subject will receive due consideration.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

Signed, G. E. LUMSDEN, Assistant Secretary.

THE COUNTY CLERK, Welland, Ont.