

condition, that in fact it was only a "log shell", and Mr. Simpson expressed the opinion that Mr. Curran was only entitled to a small sum as compensation for improvements.

The Department not having before it any details of Mr. Curran's claim and not having been advised of the amount which Mr. Curran claimed as compensation, Mr. Dewdney was instructed on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1882 to ask the Indian Agent at Edmonton to report thereon. By letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1882 Mr. Dewdney transmitted a report from the Indian Agent aforesaid in which he states that after examining the improvements made by Mr. Curran he found a ten acre field.