

**EXQ.**

Ottawa, 16th May, 1906.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 26th February last, I beg to inform you that a valuation has been made by Mr. Indian Agent J.P. Wright, Fort Frances, Ont., of the land in the general reserve near Fort Frances, which the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company propose to flood, that is to say, as shown on the plan which you filed in the Department.

The said plan shows that an approximate area of eighteen acres will be flooded. This the Agent values at \$1,000. per acre, and supports his valuation by saying that if thrown open for sale it would bring this sum; he adds that the land will increase in value. In addition to this the damage, on account of buildings, he values at \$3,000. and \$150. for the garden, the total is, therefore, \$21,150. I have to request you to be good enough to forward this sum to the Department before taking any steps towards flooding the said land. The Department will then grant to the Ontario & Minnesota Power Company the right to flood the said land.

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I have to request you to have a survey made, by a duly authorized surveyor for the Province of Ontario, of the boundary of the land along the water's edge as it is  
R.A. Grant, Esq.,

Care of Hon. J.K. Kerr,

The Senate,

Ottawa, Ont.

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