

They have discovered that 4700 tons of coal have been paid for but not delivered during past two years, and it is said that speculations to the extent of \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 a year has been going on for two or three years. Horses which were bought for \$50.00 per head were charged to the Government at \$250.00 per head, etc., etc.

My information is that they canvassed the situation carefully as to the officer that would be recommended out of the officers in Manitoba and it was unanimously decided that I was to be the one recommended. They do not want a Permanent officer in command during the investigation.

At present I am with Osler, Hammond & Nanton as Inspector of Lands and Loans, but I am out in the country all the time and I find it telling on me, as the work is fairly strenuous, also the pay is not just as much as I have been used to live on, so I would welcome a chance to get something that would ease off my travelling and I feel I could fill this position satisfactorily to all. So that is why I would like to get it and why I am approaching you, so if you would care to interest yourself I would be very glad.

I hope you had a pleasant summer and that your work still continues congenial.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*J. G. Rattray*

JGR/R

*Conditions in Manitoba from a crop prospect are fine. I think Manitoba will have more grain - wheat - oats - barley - Rye - than in any previous year in its grain growing history.*

*I need scarcely add that a good deal of the above information is strictly confidential at the present - until the Commission finds all published.*

*JGR*