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Your letter No. 277030, of date the 8th instant received with copies if letters from R.M.Mitchell, Right of Way Agent, Canadian Morthern Railway Company, and S.L.Macdonald, Indian Agent of The Pas attached. I left for The Pas as soon as possible after the receipt of your letter, having interviewed Mr Mitchell before leaving. I visited the office of the Clerk of the Town of The Pas and found that are assessed at \$ 750.00 each and lots 12 and 13 lots 2.3.4. and 5. Block 26 are assessed at \$ 1000.00 each. I saw several real estate Agents and got their ideas as to the values.

H.J.Bickle is of the opinion that all the property at The Pas, including these lots is assessed from two to three times its actual value. Geo. Brown says that all of the lots in Block 26 are assessed at double their value. David Clapp, letter enclosed, values the lots at less than one fifth of their assessed value.

Roughly the Railway require 16160 square feet, a little less than two lots size,66 x 132. Mr Mitchell informed me that the Railway did not want any more land than is covered by the right of way. I would there fore recommend that the land required by them be given to the Company at the value of 2 lots, 66 x 132, at \$ 400.00 per lot, \$ 800.00 and say. \$ 200.00 as dompensation for the damage in shape of the remainder of the lots.

This railway spur in my opinion does not help the value of the balance of the lots in this block. The amount of compensation.

\$ 1000.00, is the full value of the property required from the Department by the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

Yours truly,

J. D. McLean, Esq.,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, Ontario.

Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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