

sion of \$50—never even heard of it until he saw it in your letter to me, of which I sent him a copy. Of the \$500 that was paid for the papers, we only received four hundred, and Mr. Kirby knows nothing of the other hundred. He says some of the papers were sent to Sir John MacDonald, and he has no doubt some of them would be found in his old office now. Every person is to blame in the business but Mr. Kirby.

C. A. M. CLAUS.

Ottawa, 17th April, 1901.

MRS. C. A. M. CLAUS,
Niagara.

DEAR MADAM,—This morning I received your letter of the 13th, and at the same time an Orderly Book with a note from Mr. Kirby. In regard to the papers; they were purchased by Mr. Pope during my absence in London, he being then the Minister of Agriculture. He told me he had paid \$500 for them, with a commission to Mr. Kirby of \$50. Personally, I do not know this, having accepted Mr. Pope's word. That the papers sent were not worth the amount paid, I reported to Mr. Pope, but, as I had no list, and never heard of one, I had no means of checking the contents of the collection. I do not understand the statement that, after the papers went to Ottawa, "they were very careless about them," and that a great many of them "were lost or stolen." Whatever was done before my return I cannot tell, but the statement is, I venture to think, not consistent with the facts. As soon as I got them, I examined them, made a report and had them bound; so that, after that time, no papers of the collection were either lost or stolen. I knew Mr. Cruickshank had obtained access to papers in the possession of Mr. Kirby which would seem to form part of the collection sold to Mr. Pope. Of course, Sir John McDonald may have been presented with some of the papers, that I do not know; but, if the statement is correct, it may to some extent account for the shrinkage in value.

Your obedient servant,

DOUGLAS BRYMNER.

Department of Agriculture
(Archive Branch),

Ottawa, 23 Mar., 1905.

DEAR MADAM,—

I am requested by Dr. Doughty to write you that, since the receipt of the Orderly Book from Mr. Kirby, in 1900, of which Dr. Brymner informed you, nothing further has been received from Mr. Kirby.

Yours faithfully,

MAGDALENE CASEY.