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THE PAS, MANITOBA 17th Aug., 1917.

S.J. Jackson, Esq.,
Inspector, Department of Indian Affairs,
The Pas, Man.

Dear Sir,- re Lots 2,3,4,5,12 & 13 in Block 26, The Pas, Man.

You have requested me to give you the value of the above lands at the present time. I would not consider that they were worth more than \$150.00 each, and I am not an Agent of the C.N.R., nor am I in any way interested in the sale of lands here. They are probably assessed for more money, but you must remember that our Assessment is from 300 to 400% above the value of the property in The Pas. Let me give you an instance: I own lot 9 in Block 15 ^{with house} which I am trying to sell at \$1100, and it is assessed on the Roll at \$3250.00. I tried to get the assessment lowered, but the Judge told me that as the surrounding lots were overvalued, he could not reduce the assessment under Section 29 of The Man. Ass't Act.

Speaking personally I would not accept these lots as a gift from the Department of Indian Affairs, and pay the taxes on them. You may not know that The Pas has a school and municipal indebtedness of \$292,000.00, and a population of some 1150 at the present time. We are overburdened with debt and taxation, and have gone on too fast. For this reason and the Government having taken over the C.N.R., I believe that my figure of \$150.00 is a fair estimate of the value of ##### the above lots.

Yours faithfully
David Clapp.

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