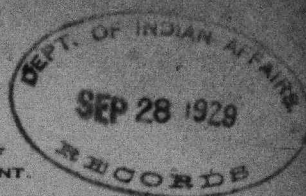


DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT



Broadview, Sask.,

25th September, 1929.

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Dear Sir:

Referring to your file 108B-1-7 and your letter of the 15th February, last, in connection with the east half of Section 22-17-5, W. 2 M. I beg to say that I informed Mr. N. Houle that the Department did not intend to lease this land to him. However, he continued to use it for pasture, consequently the municipality have charged taxes against the land and he has paid them. I am enclosing herewith tax receipt covering this land, also covering the north-west quarter of 15-17-5, W. 2 M. which Mr. N. Houle is leasing on crop share. The only crop which Mr. Houle had on this land, this year, was about 200 bushels of oats and he wishes to keep all of this for feed, paying the Department cash for the quarter share. I beg to enquire whether this arrangement is satisfactory.

I might mention that the arrangement with this man was that he should lease the land for one year and purchase it at the end of the lease. His crop in 1928 being a failure his lease was extended for 1929. Now his 1929 crop is a failure - as are most crops in this district - and he is asking for an extension of the lease for another year. I do not find that this man is a very good tenant. The land in question is very dirty and he is certainly making no progress cleaning it. He has had some trouble with the weed inspector on two different occasions when instructed to cut noxious weeds. I do not recommend him for a renewal of the lease, but he has 37 acres of rye sown on this year's summer-fallow and I presume the Department will at least allow him to harvest this crop. If next year is favourable there is a possibility he will be in a position to make the initial payment on the land, but I think there should be an understanding that, if the lease is renewed for 1930, he must consider that this will be absolutely the last time.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

J.P.B. Ostrander,
Indian Agent.

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