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Ottawa. 6th July 1904.

Sir,

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At the request of the Department of Public Works, and under the authority of an Order-in-Council dated 26th February, 1904, this department instructed Mr Gladu, Notary at St Francois du Lac, to investigate the title to certain land required for the purpose of a public wharf at Pierreville, County of Yamaska, P.Q., and for which it ^{is} was proposed to pay the sum of \$600.00, which was considered a reasonable price.

In his report upon the title Mr Gladu states that with respect to about one-half of the property required, designated by him as "terrain No 1", as shown on the sketch, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, the title of the Rasconis (the vendors) is contested by the Indians on the ground that it was not ratified by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. On the other hand the Rasconis contend that their original title combined with a peaceable and public possession of thirty years, and also a sheriff's deed dated 1880, renders their possession impregnable.

* At this time it required 60 years for prescription by the termor.
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I am inclined to agree with the latter view, but I shall be glad to hear anything you may desire to lay before the department upon the subject. I may mention that in ^a communication addressed to the vendors' solicitors the Indian agent, Mr Comiere, states the proportion between the value of the land and that of the improvements to be

WRONG!!
This land was never surrendered and Rasconi only had at the best a partial right.

J. D. McLean, Esq.,
Secretary,
Indian Affairs,
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