

the delay of the Department of Indian Affairs in taking action in the matter he has suffered great loss, - I beg to inform you that the first intimation that this Department had of Mr Curran's claim was in February 1882 when the same was brought before the Department by the Indian Commissioner for the North West District. Mr Curran then claimed that he built a mill, made a dam, broke 20 acres of land and had 12 acres under cultivation and had otherwise improved the claim at a great expense.

Mr George A Simpson, A.S., who was then employed by this Department in surveying Indian Reserves and who had inspected