

Sifton, and I think it is needless to say that such a discrimination against other than favored lines of boats is decidedly in defiance of public policy.

Yours truly,

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ILLUSTRATION FARMS.

On returning from Ottawa, in April last, the Secretary reported the result of an interview with the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture *re* Illustration Farms.

"Having learned while in Ottawa that the estimates would include an amount to cover the cost of working some "Illustration Farms," I had an interview with Prof. Robertson, of the Agriculture Department, and afterwards with the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, and requested, on behalf of this Board, that one of these farms should be situated in close proximity to this city. The object of these farms is not to experiment, as in the case of regular experimental farms, but they are designed to show, as an object lesson, what good farming can do in the way of properly cultivating the soil, and obtaining the best results therefrom. Each farm will consist of, say, ten acres, and will be farmed under the directions of a competent man, and will thus serve as an object lesson to farmers.

"Mr. Fisher informed me that the exact location had not yet been determined on, but that he would place Winnipeg on the list as a proper point at which one of these farms should be situated."