

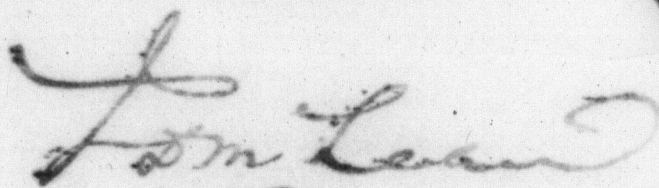
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Ottawa, April 30, 1908.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th instant, asking to be furnished with a statement showing area of Indian Reserves surrendered and sold prior to the 1st of July, 1896, and the area between 1st of July 1896 and the 1st of July, 1908, and in reply to say that the preparation of this statement would take a very considerable time, as it would be necessary to go back in the records close on one hundred years. If, however, the statement is required for only a limited time and covering specific portions of the Dominion, upon your indicating the time and the Provinces in question, a statement will be immediately prepared. I may say that, if a full statement of all surrendered and sold land is required, it cannot possibly be furnished in less than a month or six weeks.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

H. Fitzsimons, Esq.,

Asst. Supt. Railway Lands Branch,

Interior Department,

Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs, Letterbook,
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