

OTTAWA, 22nd September, 1891.

SIR,—In reply to the reference from your department of the 2nd of June last, covering copy of an order of the Senate of 29th May previous, for copies of all orders in council, commissions and instructions for nominating a person or persons specially charged to examine the situation and resources of that part of the dominion known as the Great Basin of the Mackenzie, and also of the report or reports made by such persons, I am directed to inform you that no such person was nominated, and that consequently there is no such information as asked by the Senate which can be afforded.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

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