

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 5th March, 1875.*

On an application made by W. J. Macaulay, Esq., dated the 21st ultimo, stating with reference to a timber limit granted to him at the Lake of the Woods, by Order in Council, on the 14th April, 1874, that it has been impossible for him to make the selection of his limit, so far, in accordance with the said order, as such selection is in some degree contingent on the selection and survey of the limits of sixty miles previously granted in favor of Fuller & Co., of Hamilton, which selection and survey although now in progress is not yet completed, and requesting that the time within which his limit shall be selected may be extended till the first day of November next.

The Honorable the Minister of the Interior, in view of the large expenditure already made by Mr. Macaulay in connection with his mills, planing machines, etc., at Winnipeg, recommends that his application be granted, but in consequence of the Boundary between Ontario and the Dominion Lands being still unsettled, that the same be subject to the conditions relating thereto embodied in the former Order in Council.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 8th March, 1876.*

On a memorandum, dated 3rd March, 1876, from the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, submitting a letter from W. J. Macaulay, Esq., of Winnipeg, on the subject of the timber limit granted to him on the eastern shore of the Lake of the Woods, by Order in Council of the 14th April, 1874,

The Minister states that from Mr. Macaulay's statements it would appear that it would be impossible for him to obtain more than twenty square miles of limits at the Lake of the Woods; that Mr. Macaulay also writes that the original understanding was that the bonus per square mile for his limit should be the same as that paid by Messrs. Fuller & Co., that is to say: fifteen dollars per square mile, and that the Order in Council, however, placed it at twenty dollars per square mile.

The Minister recommends that Mr. Macaulay be allowed till the 1st December next to select the above twenty miles, and a further quantity of eighty square miles on the Manitou River and Lake as now applied for, making in all 100 square miles—but no timber lands to be selected by him within twenty miles of the Canadian Pacific Railway line;—further, as Mr. Macaulay appears to have been promised his limit at a bonus of fifteen dollars per square mile, that he be allowed to have it at that price.

The Minister adds that it should be a condition in view of the question of the boundary between the Dominion and the Province of Ontario being still in abeyance, that, in the event of such boundary, on the same being determined, falling westward of the lands, or any portion thereof, granted as limits to Mr. Macaulay, described in this report, this Government shall not be held liable to him in any way to secure his continuing in the enjoyment thereof, or for any damages he may sustain by reason of any action that may be taken by the Government of the said Province in respect hereof.

The Committee submit the above recommendations for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified, W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.