

Copy for information of Mr. Meagher

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Portage la Prairie, Man.

January 11th, 1932.

The Right Hon. R.B. Bennett, K.C. M.P.,
Prime Minister,
Ottawa, Ont.

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My dear Mr. Bennett:-

Referring to the few words I had with you on Saturday about the Canadian Farm Loans Board. Section 3 of the Act, Chapter 66, R.S.C. 1927, provides for the appointment of the Farm Loans Board. Section 8 deals with the appointment of the Provincial Boards, and Section 19 (a) provides for the appointment of all officers, appraisers and inspectors, attorneys, clerks and other employees. You will notice by this last Section that the appointments of these officials are made by the Board, which I take it means the Dominion Board, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. See Subsection (a) of Section 2.

I understand Mr. John T. Haig, K.C., M.L.A. has made application to be appointed as Solicitor for the Board in Manitoba. I have discussed the matter with him, and he would be perfectly satisfied if he were given the legal work in connection with all loans upon lands East of the Principal Meridian, and I would be perfectly satisfied to take all of those West of the Principal Meridian. The Solicitor who is at present looking after this matter is an old appointee of the last Government. I would appreciate it very much if you could see your way clear to make the change, and, if it is made, would prefer the appointment here should be made in the name of my partner Mr. J.R. Colwill.

This is the letter which I promised on Saturday to write you.

FGT/D.

Yours faithfully,