

line the townships lying along the new colonization road from Dauphin to the Swan River Valley, as far north as the North Duck River. My reason for recommending this is that there is a considerable quantity of very fair land lying along this road which will be required for settlement at once. The surveyors sent out to do this work should be instructed to outline the townships through which the road runs, and to subdivide such portions as they may think may be required for settlement. I would further recommend that the land lying south of the Pine River be surveyed as far south as to connect with the townships that have already been subdivided.

IMMIGRATION.

I have received innumerable inquiries about the lands in the Swan River Valley, and my opinion is that there will be a great rush of settlers to this district during the coming spring. In fact, I do not think that there will be sufficient land surveyed to meet the requirements of all those who will be looking for homesteads, and I wish therefore to again draw your attention to the urgent necessity of having the surveys above suggested proceeded with as speedily as possible.

During the past year we have had a flow of settlers into the Dauphin district exceeding in magnitude any previous record of immigration to Manitoba, and as there is likely to be as great a rush towards this part of the province next year, no time should be lost in preparing for the reception of incoming settlers in the way of having the lands subdivided, so that there may be no delay or complication in enabling them to secure suitable homesteads at once.

A land guide should be appointed specially for the Swan River district, and it may be necessary for your Department to consider the advisability of providing some regulation by the operation of which settlers can make homestead entries at Swan River Valley and not be put to the delay and inconvenience of travelling one hundred miles to Dauphin to make their entry

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