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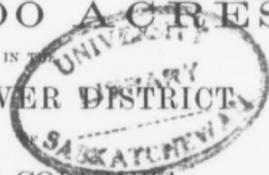
REPORT
OF
J. A. MACDONELL, C.E.,
ON HIS
EXPLORATORY SURVEY DURING 1905-1906

IN CONNECTION WITH SELECTION AND LOCATION FOR
THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT OF

3,500,000 ACRES

IN THE PEACE RIVER DISTRICT

BRITISH COLUMBIA



OTTAWA, January 15, 1907.

To the Honourable FRANK OLIVER,
Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

By letter of instructions to me dated September 3, 1904, and signed by James A. Smart, Esq., then Deputy Minister, I was instructed to make an exploration of that portion of the province of British Columbia adjoining the eastern boundary thereof and in the vicinity of the Peace river with a view to the selection by the Dominion Government of the rectangular block to contain three and one-half ($3\frac{1}{2}$) million acres of land granted to the said Dominion Government by the province of British Columbia under certain arrangement between the two Governments.

The following are extracts from this letter :—

‘By an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, being Chapter 14 of 47 Victoria, Statutes of British Columbia, 1884, Section 7, it is enacted as follows :—

“There is hereby granted to the Dominion Government three and a half million acres of land in that portion of the Peace River district of British Columbia lying east of the Rocky Mountains and adjoining the Northwest Territory of Canada, to be located by the Dominion in one rectangular block.”

‘By Chapter 6, Statutes of Canada, 1884, Section 12, it is enacted as follows :—

“Three and one-half million acres of land in that portion of the Peace River District of British Columbia lying east of the Rocky Mountains and adjoining the Northwest Territory of Canada, by the said Act assented to on the 10th day of