

## No. 1.

The HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA to the UNDER SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

9, Victoria Chambers, Westminster, S. W.,  
14th November 1888.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter of the 31st August last, I now have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary for Scotland, a copy of a letter I have received from the Department of the Interior of Canada, enclosing a copy of a report made by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands respecting the present position and prospects of the crofters who emigrated to Manitoba in the spring of the present year, and were settled in the Pelican Lake District under the Colonization Scheme.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES TUPPER.

## No. 2.

The CANADIAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR to the HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CANADA.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa,  
29th October 1888.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Minister of the Interior, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo, No. 612, and to enclose herewith, for the information of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Scotland, a copy of a report made by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands respecting the present position and prospects of the crofters who immigrated to Manitoba in the spring of the present year, and were settled in the Pelican Lake District.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN R. HALL,  
Acting Deputy Minister  
of the Interior.

## No. 3.

REPORT of the COMMISSIONER of DOMINION LANDS.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Ontario,  
19th October 1888.

SIR,

IN accordance with the request contained in the letter to you from the High Commissioner for Canada in England, dated the 8th September last, I have the honour to make the following report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Scotland, respecting the present position and prospects of the crofters from the islands of Lewis and Harris, who immigrated to Manitoba in the spring of this year, and were settled in the Pelican Lake District under the Crofter Colonization Scheme of the Imperial Government.

It was thought desirable that the crofters should be settled as closely together as possible, such being also their own wish. Though there is a large area of land available for settlement in Manitoba and the North-West, it was found difficult to obtain a tract near enough to railway communication and, at the same time, sufficiently large to permit of this being done. The Canada North-West Land Company being willing to relinquish certain of their lands for homesteading by these settlers, and to accept Government lands elsewhere in lieu thereof, it was found possible to settle the crofters within a reasonable distance of one another in the Pelican Lake District. This district is in a good farming country, is well watered, fairly well wooded, within 15 miles of railway communication, and near a good market. Each crofter over 18 years of age who applied therefor has a homestead of 160 acres; there being, in all, 71 homesteads entered for. The homesteads were selected, in conjunction with a committee of the representative men among the crofters, by Mr. W. B. Scarth, M. P., Managing Director