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Ottawa, 16th March 1915.

Gentlemen,-

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant (No. 71090) I have to explain that the survey and sub-division of an Indian Reserve is an entirely distinct matter from the survey of the lands surrounding it. In the three Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for convenience the surrounding surveys have been usually projected into the Indian Reserves when they are sub-divided. In the case of the Pheasant Rump and Moose Mountain Reserve the drawing of the dotted lines near the southern and also near the northern limits of the reserve was a clerical error. These lines should not have been drawn in the reserve.

Each block of land adjoining the said boundaries with the exception of the fractional portions at each corner, is termed and is as far as the Indian Reserve is concerned, a $\frac{1}{4}$ section.

You will note that the areas of each of these $\frac{1}{4}$ sections is greater than the ordinary area of 160 acres, thus proving that they include the supposed strip. I may say that no difficulty will occur in this matter if it is borne in mind, as above stated that the survey of an Indian Reserve is entirely distinct from the surrounding surveys.

Enclosed herewith is a blue print copy of the plan corrected by having the said dotted lines erased. A copy of this letter and a copy of the corrected plan will be forwarded to the Registrar of the Cunningham Lands Registration District, Arcola, Sask.

Your obedient servant,
Messrs. Munson, Allan, Laird & Davis,
Barrieters etc.,
Winnipeg, Man.

Asst. Deputy Registrar

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