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Ottawa, 28th June, 1915.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, with reference to the performance of additional statute labour by John Secord. It is noted that John Secord holds land jointly with his brother and mother, that this land is under lease to Benjamin Hurst who is liable for the statute labour and that John is living at home with his mother.

In reply I beg to say that in the opinion of the Department John would not be liable for any statute labour. The statute labour performed by an owner of land is performed in respect of such land. If the tenant of the land performs that statute labour he performs it for or instead of the owner and the owner cannot be called upon for any further statute labour.

Your obedient servant,

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