

objection to new limits of equal extent in the locality as now asked for being substituted for those granted under the Order in Council dated the 30th January last, and he accordingly recommends to the favorable consideration of His Excellency Messrs. Macaulay and Ginty's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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W. J. MACAULAY, Esq.—Timber limit situate between the Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake, Keewatin, area 64,000 acres.

*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 14th April, 1874.*

On the petition of W. J. Macaulay, Esq., for a grant of a timber limit of 100 square miles in area on the east shore of the Lake of the Woods, were applied for by him on the 13th April, 1872, or in that vicinity, such limit to be selected and reported by him within six months, so that he may be certain of securing timber for his mills in paying quantities.

The Honorable Mr. Scott, acting in the absence of the Honorable the Minister of the Interior, in a memorandum dated 13th January, 1874, states as follows:—

Mr. Macaulay applied for limits on the north-east shore of the Lake of the Woods on the 13th April, 1872, and was informed that in consequence of the Indian title not having been extinguished over that part of the country, his application could not then be entertained.

He applied subsequently for a limit on the Roseau river, in the south-west part of the Province, and one was granted to him on the 30th January last. It appeared, however, when the International boundary came to be run, that most of the timber supposed to be on his limit was in the United States, and in May last he reported the fact, and asked to be allowed to substitute a limit on the Winnipeg River, requesting permission, however, to cut timber on the Roseau until he should be able to make that on the Winnipeg available, and his request was granted.

He now reports that he apprehends serious difficulties in working this latter limit at the present time, and expresses the desire to secure a further limit in the Lake of the Woods District.

The acting Minister further states that, being cognizant of the enterprise exhibited, and the large capital invested by Mr. Macaulay as the pioneer of the Province of Manitoba in endeavoring to supply the great want of that Province, that is to say, lumber and building material, and in view of all the facts, he recommends that he be granted the privilege of selecting additional limits in the district applied for, such tract not to be less in extent each than twenty square miles, and not to exceed in all 100 square miles, the bonus to be paid for the same to be twenty dollars per square mile, the same as charged him for the Winnipeg limit, provided always,—

1. That such limit shall not form part of any reserve set apart under the late treaty for actual occupation by Indians, and

2. That on the adjustment of the question of boundary between the Dominion and the Province of Ontario, should the limits so granted prove to be within the said Province, this Government shall not be held liable to the lessee in any way to secure his continuing in the enjoyment thereof, or for any damages he may sustain by reason of any action which may be taken by the Government of the said Province in respect to the grant now made.

The Committee submit the above recommendation for Your Excellency's approval.

Certified,

W. A. HIMSWORTH, C.P.C.

The Hon. Minister of the Interior.