

a line and marked off certain lots on the Red River, in the direction North 12° East, or thereby. Fortunately, there are two plans of this survey in existence, or rather copies thereof, one to be found accompanying the Report of 1819, and the other in the Amos "Report of Trials, etc.," which faces this page. According to this plan, these "lots were established in 1814;" they are thirty-six in number. Mr. McLean's appears to be double the size of the others.

So far as is known, there is no means now in existence by which the exact boundaries of these lots may be established; but, as has been seen, Lot 4 is now occupied by St. John's Cathedral, and from this starting-point a calculation may be made as to the approximate location of the others (*d*). A copy of the original plan to accompany the Report of 1819, marked "True Copy," and signed by Mr. Wm. Sax, the surveyor, will be found, with the report of Mr. Commissioner Coltman, at Ottawa (*e*).

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Not one of these donations of this public-spirited man has survived. Not content with this, he gave a lot of valuable stock and the increase, purchased from Mr. John Wills, a partner of the North-West Company in 1813, for £100 sterling, "to be distributed gratis amongst any of the most deserving settlers at the discretion of the said Earl of Selkirk or his agent;" Mr. Fidler did not know, in his remote situation, that the Earl had been dead considerably over a year. He refers to his "lawful wife Mary," who was an Indian woman, their first child, Thomas, having been born at York Factory, June 20, 1795, and the youngest, Harriet, July 9, 1822; at the time of the making of the will, Peter, born at Norway House on July 2, was the eldest. He also refers to his uncle Jasper and his brother James; and to his "copyhold lands and new house, situated at Hockley, in the town of Bolsover, in the county of Derby, now in the occupation of my mother, Mary." Administration was granted on October 22, 1827, to Thomas Fidler; a number of descendants are living in Manitoba. In Appendix P. will be found a copy of a most interesting letter to him from Mr. Alex. Lean, one of the proprietors of the Company, which throws an important light on the negotiations leading up to the amalgamation of the rival companies in 1821.

(*d*) *Ante*, pp. 11, 25; *vide* also p. 23 for names of several settlers occupying particular lots.

(*e*) Archives: Colonial Records, No. 151, part i. p. 87.