

Ottawa, Feb. 4th. 1901.

MRS. CLAUS,
Niagara, Ont.

DEAR MADAM,—Your letter to Mr. Fisher, of 29th Jan'y, has been transferred to me this morning, in which you ask a list of the papers (the Claus papers) in the Archives, and also the price paid for them. To send a complete list giving each individual paper would take two or three days to have it made, but I could send you the number of papers in each class, if that would be sufficient. The amount paid was \$500, with a commission to Mr. Kirby of \$50.

Your obedient servant,
DOUGLAS BRYMNER.

Niagara, 6th Jan'y, 1901.

WILLIAM KIRBY, ESQ.,
Niagara.

SIR,—I have lately heard through Col. Cruickshank, of Fort Erie, that you have quite a number of valuable papers belonging to us in your possession. I wrote to the authorities in Ottawa and gave them an account of the selling of those papers. From Mr. Brymner I learn that certain books and papers I gave you to send to Ottawa are not in the Archives, and from the Minister of Agriculture that you sold these papers to Mr. Pope, and were paid \$500 for them and a commission of \$50. What business had you to sell our papers to Mr. Pope? and, as we only received \$400 of the money, what became of the other \$100, and what right had you to keep any of our papers?

C. A. M. CLAUS.

Niagara, Jan'y 7th, 1901.

DEAR MISS CLAUS,—

I was surprised at the letter received from you relative to the sale of the papers. Your memory ought to have informed you that it was the late Senator Plumb who negotiated for the sale of them to the Government, and he did it out of pure kind feeling for your family. The money, \$400, was sent to him, and by himself paid over to you; that I know. I had nothing whatever to do with the sale, or the payment. The papers laid in my office over a year and a half before he could effect the sale. Mr. Pope was the proper person to negotiate with. I sent the papers to Mr. Pope. A few Mr. Plumb sent to Sir John McDonald. I kept no track of them after they went to Ottawa. I have none of them in my possession. I had a few copied while they remained in my custody, and I let Mr. Cruickshank take copies of my copies. The orig-