**3-1: 30July2025-Norquay Premier’s Papers A1-A1614: transcribed copies and notes by Gerald Friesen**

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**This is the first of 3 files cataloguing the contents of the NPP. A 4th file contains a separate collection of Norquay Papers**

The following Word files contain transcripts of, and notes on, nearly all the letters and documents in the eight boxes of the Norquay papers. Friesen copied them to facilitate the writing of the biography and also to enable future students to consult with relative ease some primary sources on the history of Manitoba and Canada. Included are many of Norquay’s household bills, which are worth more detailed research as illustrations of consumption in this era.

**The documents (this part of the collection dates from roughly 1874 to 1883, with a few exceptions):**

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| A - 1 | March 4, 1878 | Letter | Adams, James | Poplar Point, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking for money due. |

“You would oblige me very much if you would let me have the little [sic] that is coming to me as I am in great Trouble my family are sick and my debts are presing me as you promised to settle with me after the sesson i hope you will send it up with Roby” [sic]

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| A - 2 | Jan. 24, 1878 | Order to Pay | Adams, James | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John |

“ To Honl John Norquay

Pay to William Davis or Andrew Spence the sum of twenty five dollars & sixty cents … and charge to my acct. [sgd] James Adams”

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| A - 3 | Aug. 28, 1878 | Letter | Boddy, F.W. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N.'s political platform. |

“Dear Sir: We are now fairly converted politically to the Eastern party lines Grit & Conserv. Luxton Grit Ryan Conser-. I am met daily with the taunt that you will support Luxton. Tory and all as you are, I contradict the statement Am I right or not in so doing. Hoping you may be successful in ousting that political trickster D---A--- and electing ex-Gov Morris as the right man in the right place. With [?] to Mrs N & yourself, …

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| A - 4 | July 15, 1878 | Letter | Bukowski, E. | Oakville, Ont. | Norquay, John | A piece of carpet. |

“Dear Norquay” -- Much chat about ordering a piece of carpet for JN, losing one, ordering another, getting it from Glasgow but for 57 rather than the previously-priced piece at 55 cents. “I know you will forgive me after I have gone to this trouble to keep my word with you. Our garden & roses have been gorgeous….My wife & family are all well and often speak of you. …” My mother died, political matters status quo, “Saunders is as cocky as ever. Did you get safely over the agony of looking at an actress with a stunning leg enclosed in tights. Saunders & I call that affair Norquay’s “New Sensation.” Regards to yourself and all friends. Remembrances [ ?] Mr. Scott & Mrs. B

Yours E Bukowski

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| A - 5 | Dec. 25, 1878 | Letter | Burgess, A.M. Dept. of the Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John |

“My dear Mr. Norquay – friendly and slightly subordinate, but not subservient – “Permit me to offer my felicitations on the triumph you have gained in the country. You have reason to be proud of the confidence Manitoba reposes in you…..I have just written a note to my friend Ross, congratulating him on his election… and I added that I trusted he would be able to see his way to giving you an independent support. Even if he opposes you, however, he is a gentleman, and a man of education and refinement, whom it is desirable to have in public life…will be neither factious nor dishonourable in his opposition.

Rockwood has done well in defeating Clarke. The bare possibility of such a man again returning to public life is something terrible to contemplate.”

My wife and family are well…. “and join me in wishing Mrs. Norquay and yourself all the compliments of the season. Tom is growing big and rough – growing faster in the latter direction than in the former, I verily believe.

I received your note sometime ago duly, and was glad to know that your views on the question of the civil service were so sound and common sense. I wish you could impress them upon our Govt here …[which is] rather loose in that respect. However, let us hope there is an end to this ‘bouncing’ business.”

If I can be of service, let me know

With kind remembrances to Luxton, McColl, and any friends I may have in Winnipeg, Believe me, My dear Mr. Norquay, Yours very sincerely, A. M. Burgess

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| A - 6 | Jan. 9, 1878 | Letter | Adams, C. | Pas Post | Neesta [Brother-in-Law - Norquay, John] |

“Dear Neesta

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of last fall, I also recd the things you sent me, we got it all by open water & that was all, fortunately Mr Belanger made a late trip down to Grand Rapids. I can assure you everything was most acceptable & one thing in particular, our friend did not get a smile at all there [then] so that was most opportune. Mr McTavish saw the case at GR [Grand Rapids] but he is not the man to take particular notice of such things when he knows who don’t abuse such things, he always had some for me when others did not get a sight of any. I was able to let Mr B have a little now & again, but it is nearly dead now. I wish you could get me a Recapper (bore 20) if possible, … also a thousand control fire caps, also, what has become of my Rifle I sent you last summer to get a mouthpiece & [birt, burl, verb] put on?”

“Mr. Belanger has guaranteed a passage to Nancy next spring to Manitoba… her health is better than last summer, tho’ not the best & I hope the trip will do her much good, seeing the boys & medical advice together will do her good I need not say she frets much about the boys, but we both are not sorry for a moment we sent them away, we could never have them at this place, it is simply aweful [sic] to bring up a family here & having them at your place reconciles us much, only I feel for poor Betsy – how much she must be bothered with so large a family to look after, & she too, being not one of the strongest. We were glad beyond measure to get letters from the boys, & hope they will continue writing by every chance.

“I am glad to say our trade is good again this year, a good deal ahead of last year to date & the last year was ahead of the year before, so that we can’t complain, but this is a difficult place to manage. It is allowed to be the most difficult subordinate post in the Country but I am bound to manage it & the people, too, or else get a whaling, they are hard cases & fear a little an old Blkft Trader, for I talk knife & gun to them now & again pretty freely, tho’ to tell you the truth a good deal is assumed, but it has to be done & never have I had to take my Boot from anyone as I have to do here. I fear sometimes that assumed wickedness may exert influence on a chap, but that we must try & guard against. An Indian, like a dog, will love you better after a good kicking. It is always my policy to be just & true to an Indian, but at the same time woe to him if he does not go straight.

By the way you never acknowledged receiving those Tongues Mr. Belanger sent you thro’ me last summer also an order in my favour on Fort Garry for I think $37.00 or something like that, I had forgotten to endorse it. Was it all right?

“… Remember us kindly to Betsy & kiss the children for yours & ours – How happy would I be to come in upon Betsy & my little Nephews & Nieces & poor little Horace & Tom. & now wishing you all a happy New Year & best love

I remain Dear Neesta, Yours affly C Adams”

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A7 -note letter from A Boyd (Scotland) 24 Dec 1878 on “political matters” is missing – chk mfm?

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| A - 8 | March 14, 1878 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | What takes Mr. N. to the Capital re: different matters while there. Having him gazetted as a Commissioner for taking affidavits. |

“My dear Norquay

Why the devil did’nt [sic] you give me a bit of the news, what takes you to the Capital?

The two lunatics from Kee-wa-tin (York Factory) are John Masquagan (Indian) & Willm Saunders (Halfbreed) – none from the Nor West Territories.

Will Davis pay the acct deducting charge agst these two – or shall I send the acct. to Ottawa? If I do, I have no alternative but to make up from 1871, as Nursey explained to you. My object being to save local Govt from all I can – reply by bearer - & give some news…

Have you heard anything of the Indian Supty yet?

The bearer awaits a reply. Give us a line when in Ottawa, and a flash [slash?] a-la-Loucks.

Bon Voyage

Sincerely Yrs S L Bedson

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| A - 9 | June 6, 1878 | Letter | Whiteway, James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | The Scrip Power of Attorney Mr. N. filled for his wife never arrived. Asking for another. |

“Will you do me a favour the scrip power of attorney you filled for my wife’s scrip has never come to this office

If you please send another she will sign it there is a one of the blank form still in my letter box that you gave me you will much oblidge yours truly James Whiteway

Inside this letter is another, 6 June 1878: “Mr Norquay fill out the power of attorney to Dr. James Cowan Portage la Prairie who has kindly lent me a scrip since I began to write and you will oblidge send by Tuesday mail if possible James Whiteway”

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| A - 10 | March 25, 1878 | Letter | Howard, A. Provincial Insurance Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. that as he has effected other insurance his policy no. 78043 with the above Company is void. |

“Dear Sir

I regret to inform you that as you have effected other insurance without this Company’s consent, your policy No 78043 is void, and you have no claim for rebate. Any action which invalidates a claim for loss by fire also invalidates a claim for rebate or “un-earned premium.” A Howard assignee [?] “Office of the Receiver” for the Prov’ Insur. Co

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| A - 11 | Nov. 18, 1878 | Letter | Cotton, John | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Referring to an article in the Ottawa Citizen which appeared in Winnipeg Free Press and asking Mr. N.to speak to Sir John on his behalf. |

Cotton looks for a letter from JN to JAM recommending him as Indian agent, since he did yeoman work when employed during the 1874 treaty talks and again in “particular services” for Lt Gov “during the Indian trouble that occurred at Fort Carlton in 1875. He notes that he saw a letter from T White MP of Montreal Gazette “in which he speaks of you as “a man of much natural ability & really a first rate fellow”

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| A - 12 | Sept. 2, 1878 | Notice of Meeting | Registrar University of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba. October 5th inst. |

Mtg of U of M Council at Court House, Thursday 5 inst at 2:00

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| A - 13 | Oct. 24, 1878 | Letter | Lloyd, Charles F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to supply him with a letter giving his opinion of this Country as a field to make investments in. |

Lloyd is Brevet Major, late 24th Regt, at Pacific Hotel, Winnipeg

Came to region to invest “certain funds in first mortgage of real estate, see immense returns are possible, wonders whether “some portion of the enormous amount of capital inadequately employed, or lying wholly idle in Great Britain, might be caused to flow hither …” esp given that capital seems to be scarce. And that return on the best security at 12% per annum vs 4 ½ % in England. I’ve spoken to Mr McArthur, Mgr of Merchants Bank, and Mr. Archibald, lawyer, and they agree to induce a flow of capital. So we seek “the opinion in writing of a few gentlemen in Manitoba most prominent by character and position…knowledge and experience” to influence “capitalists of all degrees in England.” Would you state your opinion on this matter, “especially as to the value of Manitoba as a field for the investment of capital on first mortgage, making mention also of the excellence of the security offered thereby.”

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| A - 14 | July 17, 1878 | Letter | Whitcher, A.H. Dom. Lands Office | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of papers as per margin. Application for Patent for part of Lot 229, St. Andrews, with declarations of Chas. Henderson & John Irwin and deed of sale from Geo. Setter. |

JN claims patent for part of Lot 229 St Andrews with declarations of Chas Henderson & John Irwin, and deed of sale from George Setter

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| A - 15 | April 7, 1878 | Letter | Church, L. Ruggles | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Wm. Leggo. |

“I have … presumed on our slight acquaintance” to give Mr. Wm Leggo, a very young man, some advice on how to make his way in MB. He’s the son of Dr. Leggo of Ottawa, my cousin, and has learned the plastering and bricklaying trades.

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| A - 17 | Nov. 19, 1878 | Letter | Murray, A. | St. Charles, Man. | Norquay, John | Election matters. |

Re Galbraith vs Grant – the latter plans to run, the former has two things in his address

“that would operate against getting Mr. Grant’s assistance viz. advocating a three cent tax per acre on wild lands but more especially the abolishment of the French Language as nearly all the vote of which Mr. Luxton refers to is composed of French speaking Canadians – but perhaps you could give some explanation on these points that would be satisfactory…. My opponents got up a meeting last night and I was unable to attend [bilious attack] but it did not amount to much. I hope your election is sure, in fact I know it is, because surely our countrymen are possessed of more patriotism than to go back on themselves. Yours truly, A Murray

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| A - 18 | April 25, 1878 | Letter | Cross, Thomas Acting Private Secretary Dept. of Finance | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John |

Mr. Cartwright will see you tomorrow at 12 o’clock and will endeavour to get the Premier and Mr. Mills to meet you.

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| A - 19 | Jan. 4, 1878 | Letter | MacDougall, J. | Maple Grove | Norquay, John | Making application to be appointed Sessional writer. |

I see session beginning – “and feel patriotically inclined to offer my services to the country at the highest rate per diem you can secure for me. Have you any sessional clerkships still vacant? If so, “remember Joseph while it is well with thee”

“We spent a very orthodox New Year with nothing very exciting to disturb the “even tenor of our way” with the exception of a couple of dancing parties in our neighborhood.”

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| A - 20 | June 27, 1878 | Letter | McKay, James | Deer Lodge, St. James, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking that his friend John Parr [Power] be appointed Provincial Constable. |

John Power, brother of Richard, wishes to get on the Provincial Police Force. “I would feel much obliged to you by giving him your support to effect this, I have not troubled any of my Colleagues, for any appointment heretofore, and as this may be the last opportunity I may have of recommending anyone, I certainly would feel indebted to you to use your interest in his behalf. He is a sober and industrious young man and will make an efficient Constable.

Many thank for your kindness in sending me the Beautiful Picture of Lady Ellen Blackwood. I value it very much. J McK

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| A - 21 | Nov. 25, 1878 | Letter | McKay, James | St. James, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he will be down to the Polling Place early. |

Have just received yours, will try to be at polling place early, even the evening before. “I might be able to see some of my old friends, and those that are on a balance I might be able to bring over to the right side. I feel pretty well though the late weather has left some symptoms of my complaint in my hands and feet….I wish you all success….

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| A - 22 | Nov. 29, 1878 | Letter | McDonald, John | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Congratulations upon his elevation to the head of the government. |

Roderick Campbell told me you thought I was opposed to you. Not so. “There is neither McKenzie, Cowan nor any other man in this country that I hold in as great esteem as I do you…” I always take your part. Perhaps only Dr. Cowan does not agree. “I think that you may count on old Kenneth McKenzie giving you a very fair support. You stand high in his estimation yet, though he has been in opposition to the Government for the last two years he passed a night here last week and expressed himself as having every confidence in your honesty.

A number of men have come here looking for my support … I said “that no man would even have my sympathy if he were opposed to your government.”

“… I believe that I am the first man in the county that drank to the health of the new Premier. I was at Alcock’s on my way down to Andrew’s and met Mr. Brown there who told me of the change. I at once treated and asked all who were present to pledge the new Premier and his Ministry which was done….”

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| A - 23 (a) | March 26, 1878 | Letter | John Norquay | Ottawa, Ont. | MacKenzie, Alexander Premier | Asking for an Interview re: Interests of the Province. |
| A - 23 (b) | March 27, 1878 | Letter | Buckingham, Wm. Minister of Public Works | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Acknowledging arrival. Can come any morning for appointment with Mr. MacKenzie. |
| A - 23 (c) | April 22, 1878 | Letter | Buckingham, Wm. Minister of Public Works | Ottawa | Norquay, John |

JN on Russell House stationery to Premier Alex Mackenzie saying “I have arrived in the Capital of Canada on business affecting the interests of the Province of Manitoba & would request an interview with you… I will lay before you the claims I have been requested to urge upon the Privy Council. JN Min Pub Works”

Wm Buckingham says AM “will be glad to see you on any morning it suits your convenience to call.” [27 March

22 April 1878: The memo on your [unkion] went to Council. The Clerk will get a copy made and send it to you at the Russell.

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| A - 24 | Dec. 23, 1878 | Letter | Nolin, Charles | Ste. Anne’s, Man. | Norquay, John | Offering congratulations on success of election. |

“Honorable Gentleman

I very cordially tender you my congratulations on your success in the recent Election, you can always count on my support, in as much as the Government measures would not be detrimental to the Country.

Your most humble servant Charles Nolin”

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| A - 25 | Oct. 31, 1878 | Letter | O'Donoghue, M.F. | Collingwood, Ont. | Norquay, John |

Encloses petition from M. F. O’Donoghue re the restoring of the lands of his brother W. B. O’Donoghue, entered in HBC Register “during the Provisional Government at Red River.” “I further beg you will be pleased to forward me a description of the Property….” “and let me know if Dr. Schultze is any better. Yours faithfully A. W. Ogilvie

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| A - 27 | March 2, 1878 | Letter | Diocese of Rupertsland | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging subscription of $5.00 Diocese and stating he has had a letter from Judge Johnson who states he may expect a visit from Mr. Herbert Anderson any day. |

Archbishop Machray [R. Rupertsland] “Dear Mr Norquay: I have recd yr letter enclosing subn of $5.00 for the Dise: Fd for Easter 1878. I have heard from Judge Johnson that I may any day expect a visit from Mr. Herbert Anderson, the Bishop’s youngest son. I hope you will be able to meet him here some evening. I am, very sincerely, R. Rupertsland

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| A - 29 | June 21, 1878 | Letter | Swinford, H. | Fort Garry | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. 1 bag barley has arrived for him. |

Red R Transportation Co informs JN of arrival of 1 bag barley, freight charges $3.89.

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| A - 30 | May 11, 1878 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. he has shipped some goods by express. |

I’m sending shirts and collars and one suit and pair of trousers.

“What a jolly row with Smith at House last night Sir John wanted you there to lay some of them out.”

Hope all was well when you arrived home, and “I hope your cattle don’t suffer as you anticipated and that you found everything to please you

“… don’t forget to ask Bain where my farm is and then tell me what you think it is worth.”

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| A - 31 | Dec. 2, 1878 | Letter | Setter, John James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Private family matters. |

“My Dear Neestaw: I have been talking to Mssrs Cowan & McKenzie, you need not expect much opposition from them, in fact your address is such that western members must, if they would expect a continuance of public confidence, support the policy enunciated therein, they guaranteed me that they were prepared to give your Government a fair & reasonable support. All you should expect.”

Ryan promises that, “if you will support my application, he will almost guarantee me the Indian Commissionership…. let me know what you think my prospects are.”

“…We have been looking out for your St. Andrews speech; we heard that it was to appear in the ‘Free Press’, the reputation you gained from that speech is something to be proud of. I hope that it is only the beginning of a long, high & prosperous career as a public man, the anxiety caused you by your high position is nothing to be surprized at especially as there are so many conflicting interests & prejudices to surmount.”

Ann is not well, “I fear that she is sinking, she takes the most gloomy aspect of affairs… she has become a confirmed hypochondriac.”

“McKenzie is going to get married to Philip’s next daughter. & he has one left for Alex & a little one for the little chap, Duncan’s boy, they may very appropriately be called Old Setter’s reserve.”

Many names to succeed the late Mr. Cornish

“My love to Betsy & the children. How are poor Carrie’s children? I hear that poor Donald is still soaking in whiskey, which, of course bodes no good to his family.

Neestaw, John Jas Setter”

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| A - 33 | June. 20, 1878 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to give G.C. the sum due him for voters list. |

I travelled with Sandy [Alex] Murry: “he talks very favourably of your return as member for Selkirk at the same time he can’t see how the Local Gov is to stand without you the Davis Gov would never stand and on that side you may expect little support. However you have ability enough to carry your own views among them

Sam Dalzell wants the mortgage discharge of Halcrow lot that he bought – don’t forget.

“ SAME, 26 Feb 1878: Please give bearer of note the money due me for voters list.

My mother has died and “I feel the loss of a true and loving mother after all it’s a hard thing to be deprived of one [in] … whom you know cares for you. But such is the way of all the world. You said you were to be up soon. I wish you would come. You would be a great treat to me just now. I remain your friend for ever, Andrew Spence”

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| A - 34 | Sept. 20, 1878 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. of the advanced prices of the Express Co. |

As I said, we took 3 Yorks, 3 Torontos, and 2 Hamiltons. [in fed election?]

Shipping costs to MB via US are too high – too much goes to “the Yankee Gvt and Am Express”

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| A - 35 | June 20, 1878 | Letter | Setter, John James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Sending Annie down with Jessie to see an occolist (sic). Re: the Police Shanty. |

“I send Anne down with Jessie, they start next Monday D.V. to see the doctors, I do not know if there is a good occolist in the town of Winnipeg, but I should like her to see Jackes or any other whom you might recommend but if none is to be had in Winnipeg she is to come back when we will make arrangements for a trip east.”

“PS: I think that you ought to let me fix up the old Police Station at the govt expense & put in a tenant, I can rent it, if it was thatched, & floored. I cannot keep it, every d—d cuss uses it, sometimes as a stable &c. I have more trouble than enough with the blasted old shanty…”

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| A - 36 | [No Date] | Letter | [No Name] | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Write Mr. Tupper in matter of James Taylor's reserved lot Railway Crossing. |

Provl Treasurer’s office correspondence form, with handwritten notation on it “Mr Norquay” – and numbers of cubic yards of earth and “advt”, prices of $2.75 and 37 cents, and the note; “Write to Tupper in matter of James Taylor's reserved R Way crossing –“ [sic]

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| A - 37 | May 31, 1878 | Receipt | Pearson, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $6.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 38 | April 31, 1878 | Receipt | Boston [One Price] Clothing House | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Account rendered $5.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 39 | July 18, 1878 | Receipt | Cameron, J.R. | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Receipt for $10.00. |
| A - 40 | July 23, 1878 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $42.50. Settled by note. |
| A - 41 | May 29, 1878 | Receipt | Gratton, P.A. [Payement, Louis] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $6.90. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 42 | June 21, 1878 | Letter & Receipt | Munger, R.C. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of $15.00 with $80.00 and stating he paid $5.00 to the Berton Clothing house and enclosing note for $75.00. Note enclosed. |
| A - 43 | [ ? ] 1878 | Receipt | Germain & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $14.95. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 44 | Jan. 2, 1878 | Receipt | Bissonnette, W.E.,  [& Bros] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $3.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 45 | March 1, 1878 | Receipt | Higgins and Young | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $13.75. Receipt for $10.00 herewith. |
| A - 46 | Dec. 31, 1878 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $135.38. Settled by note. |
| A - 47 | Nov. 1, 1878 | Receipt | Trott and Melville | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $3.50. Cheque for amount 6th November 1878. |
| A - 48 | March 1, 1878 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $170.43. Settled by note. |
| A - 49 | Sept. 20, 1878 | Receipt | Johnstone, H.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To Woodwork & Painting $26.40. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 50 | Nov. 6, 1878 | Receipt | Trott and Melville | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $3.50. Amount of account. |
| A - 51 | Aug. 1, 1878 | Receipt | Garrison, Thomas J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $16.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 52 | Feb. 7, 1878 | Receipt | Bain and Blanchard | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $200.00. On account of land bought from Mr. Gardner. |
| A - 53 | Sept. 3, 1878 | Receipt | Bissonnette, W.E. & Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered $2.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 54 | Jan. 28, 1878 | Receipt | Onesime Monchamp | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $15.00. Paid $10.00. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 55 | Jan. 29, 1878 | Receipt | Stobart, Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $1.05. Receipt herewith. |
| A - 56 | Sept. 10, 1878 | Receipt | Drummond, J.A.K., & Co. | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | To amount of account $15.48. Paid 24th September 1878. |
| A - 57 | Feb. 6, 1878 | Note | McMicken, H.G. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note of hand at 60 days from date in favor of  Honourable John Norquay. $75.00. |
| A - 58 | [?] 1878 | Receipt | Irvine John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $17.45 payment of all accounts up-to-date. |
| A - 59 | April 27, 1878 | Receipt | Holbrook, G.M. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account $1.50 & receipt for same. |
| A - 60 | May 31, 1878 | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $19.44. Receipt for $9.20 herewith. |
| A - 61 | Aug. 11, 1878 | Receipt | Ryan, Thomas | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $5.00. |
| A - 62 | Aug. 1, 1878 | Receipt | Cameron, J.R. & Co | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $10.00. |
| A - 63 | Jan. 4, 1878 | Receipt | Cameron, J.R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $25.00. |
| A - 64 | Dec. 2, 1878 | Receipt | Saunders, Wm. H. Secretary, G.R.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Dues $2.00. Receipt herewith. [Ancient Landmark Lodge #3]. |
| A - 65 | June 1, 1878 | Receipt | Welland, William | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.50. Paid  5th June 1878. |
| A - 66 | Aug. 28, 1878 | Receipt | Hadkiss, Geo. H. Collector of Taxes | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $4.00 paid on taxes 28 August 1878. |
| A - 67 | Oct. 31, 1878 | Receipt | Dick & Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $12.23. |

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| A - 46 | Dec. 31, 1878 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

27 May – half-dozen flasks whisky = 2.10; 28 June -1 Bot whiskey; 29 June - 2 Gals Brandy, 1 keg = $10.00; 4 July – 2 gals brandy = 9.30; 16 July – 1 bot rye whiskey = .65; 11 Sept – 1 gal port wine = 5.00; 18 Sept – 1 bot whiskey = .50; 21 Sept – shiskey = 1.60; 23 Sept 2 gals whiskey = 5.00; 2 Oct – 2 gals whiskey = 5.00; 17 Oct – 3 galsons whiskey = 7.50; 27 Nov – 2 gals whiskey and 1 keg (1.00) = 5.00 and 1 bot whiskey = .85; 20 Dec. – 1 case J.R. Brandy = 12.00 and 2 gals whiskey = 5.00 and 1 gal kep = 1.25 = 18.25 total for the week just before Christmas. Total for the half-year, including some groceries (but not many) = $131.38

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| A - 68 (a) | March 22, 1878 | Letter | Codd, Donald Agent of Dominion Lands | City (Winnipeg) | Surveyor General Dominion Lands, Ottawa | Land in St. Peters and St. Clements re: Hyman of London. |

The attached form is annotated “Private” and is the MB Dept of Provl Treasurer, March 1878. The handwritten letter itself is written to the Surveyor General, Dominion Lands, Ottawa, by Donald Codd, DLS agent Wpg. Re applications for patents by Mr. W. W. Hyman of London – 37 in number. Of these, 18 are in St Peters, ‘nearly all of which appear to have been purchased from Indians by Mr. Alex McPherson who subsequently transferred them to Messrs Wilson & Hyman.” Nine of these before 21 March 1873, the rest later. Improvements on about half of them. Of the balance, 5 in St Andrews, and 4 in St Clements, one purchased from an Indian and another “is doubtful and disputed.”

About 2/3 would under existing circumstances or regulations have to be disallowed. None can be recommended to Mr Hyman in the absence of an acquittance from the heirs-at-law of the late Andrew Wilson, Senior partner in Hyman and Wilson.

Accompanying list of lots, with total of 1163 acres.

And another list of sellers – names, “Indian”, and in some cases how long they lived there (“over twenty years”) etc.

Re lots 221, 222, 223:

John Thomas lived here over twenty years till 1867. Sold to Inkster. In 1868 Inkster exchanged with Jas Setter who then came to live here. About 1870 Setter gave 223 to his brother Albert and 222 to his sister Georgina Logan. About 1872 Setter sold upper six chains of the three lots of Wilson & Hyman.

Attached to these papers is another list, handwritten, of lots in St Clements containing lists of owners and guesses about them – “If any claims Kipling will get it” etc – or “Lot 77 no good Hyman affidavits kill all chance” or lot 74 “get name of occupant & purchase & get approvals”, plus

Plus a telegram to E P Leacock from Ross Killam & Haggard “Sarah Harkness will do nothing you had better have all the patterns [patents] forwarded to land office here for delivery”

Missing: A-69 – A100: Why no notes for these items?

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| A - 101 | July 10, 1877 | Letter | Adams, C. | Pas [cover sheet says “Victoria” perhaps mission? | Norquay, John | Friendly and family matters. |

“…Nancy has quite recovered again. She is now quite well. We are waiting for the Northcote to come down. She is to return from Carlton again instead of going to Edmonton as was expected so by her return we are going to send in the boys & if possible Nancy will try & get a passage along with them. Mr McTavish does not like the boys to go without a guardian so we have hopes he will let her go in with them….”

“Mr. McTavish told me he saw a small ­keg of Molasses for me on the Colville, but as the Northcote had left the Grand Rapids already, he did not bring it. All in good time. He passed here his 4th day from Fort Garry & would be at Cumberland next morning. I presume that beats everything in the past.”

“I am surprised that no papers or letters have come for me at all …something wrong somewhere.

I wish you would order for me a copy of the weekly Globe (Toronto)…. I subscribe to the Free Press (Man.) & Montreal Witness, but get very few. One way or the other I may get some papers. Clemons is club[b]ing with me, please order it at once & you would oblige me. Don’t forget some postage stamps by mail, first chance. …

“Should you not receive any word from me try & send me a little more molasses for winter use, before close of navigation – don’t forget –

Good bye for this time – hoping you & family are all quite well & with …love to you all, I remain Sincerely yours &c, C Adams

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| [1877 on cover sheet] | Letter n.d. | Black, Geo. |  | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay to send cheque. |

Leave a cheque for me or send it by mail for the amt of the enclosed order

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| July 31, 1877 | Notice of Meeting | Bain, John F., Secretary Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of meeting on the 8th August. |

AGM notice, meeting at “Club House” and semi-annual subscription to MB Club due on 1 Aug.

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| 1 March 1877 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh, Cypress Hills | Norquay, John | Complaining of the conduct of Major Walsh. |

Badly spelled, poor penmanship, but v. real:

“Dear John I Set Down this Day to Drope you this few lines to let you know how I am and how I am doying [doing] I am will and wis [wish] you the sam I have No News to inform you only that the Buffalow is very close all winter and lots of trad and lots of foon [fun?]I am hired with I G Baker and Company for one year for trader and getting very good wages and getting along very will with my Boss But the Major of this Plase has goat the hall thing in his hands and I had a Big Jaw with him the other Day and I Don’t Know how it is it to turn out yet. But I ask you to Do Me a faver to Put this few words in the Papers for me

last fall the Majer Made a Super [supper] on the 25 of us and sad [said] that it was his Daughters Birth Day Chairs [cheers] was given to the girl and the Major But Super [supper] came on and the Gentlemen Sat Down and thair came in a Pagin Squaw and sat by the Major loocked strang [strange] to me the Boys told Me that was the Major Bad mat [mate] and I found out after that it was so my Self it is hard for us hethens to Do the right thing when the Sevelist [civilized] People comes and Shows such excampedes [escapades] This Man has a family at the country he came from Deair John I often wis [wish] I had your hed ]head] and you Straung [your strength] to give this Major Walsh a lesen [lesson] I wis ]wish] you to Do this for me But Don’t sine [sign] my Name at all yet Pls right [please write] and let me know I send this to you for you to mand it [distribute?] where you see it neds [needs] it as you know I am no Sklams [Siklans?] my self My Best Wises [wishes] to you and family

Exquse my poor hand Righting [handwriting] Your Truly James F Sanderson

**[photo of JFS in Morrow *Early History of the Medicine Hat Country p 51*** – see JN notes, genealogy, E. Cooke] Another better photo on **p 94**: “James F. Sanderson 1848-1902 Meat Procurer for the N.W.M.P. at Fort Walsh – 1875. Contractor, freighter and pioneer rancher of Medicine Hat district” Also good DCB article

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| A - 105 | 4th,  1877 | Letter | Howie, Jamies | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. that dispute between Alcock and  himself concerning lot will come off on 6th June 1877 and asking Mr. N. to attend as he is one of the  principal witnesses. |

“The fate of the dispute between Alcock and myself concerning part of my lot will come off on 6th June 1877. As you are one of the principal witnesses I suppose you will be in attendance. Will you please write and let me know whether you can make it convenient to come.”

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| A - 106 (a) | Dec. 1, 1877 | Receipt | Saunders, Wm. T., Secretary | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Dues and Arrears, Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 3, G.R.M. |
| A - 106 (b) | Dec. 1, 1877 | Notice of Meeting | Saunders, Wm. T., Secretary | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Regular meeting, Dec. 10, 1877. |

Arrears on dues $6.33 and regular dues $1.00, plus notice of election mtg.

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| A - 107 | Sept. 24, 1877 | Money and request for Receipt | Podia, George | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing $35.00 to pay for harness which he spoke to Mr. N. about. |

Mr. Podia encloses $35 for “the Harness which I spoke to you about” – “please send me receipt”

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| A - 108 | Nov. 15, 1877 | Letter | Forget, A.A. | St. Boniface, Man. | Moberly, W. [Wpg] | Stating that his Grace Arch. Tache has no timber on the other side of the river. |

Bishop very sorry he cannot be of some service as you requested in your note – “all the timber is sold to the Government So His Grace has not one single piece on the other side of the river.” From A A Forget Despatis Secy

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| A - 109 | Aug. 15, 1877 | Lease | Duclos, Michel. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Agreement to rent house at Point Douglass (sic) and leave the same when requested to do so. |

“Lease” Re “House at Pt Douglas”:

“I Michel Duclos agree to pay to the Hon J Norquay for the use of the Lower flat of his House in Point Douglass on the Main Highway the sum of three dollars per month to be paid in advance & further agree to leave the same if requested to do so by Mr Norquay or his agent….15 August 1877”

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| A - 110 | June 13, 1877 | Letter | R. Rupertsland | St. John's College, City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing Thomas Norquay bill and asking if Mr. N. wants him admitted as a day boarder. |

School report and bill for Thomas, including books and paper.

No payments since he returned – so: Midsummer 1876 6.25 and Christmas 1876: 13.91 and midsummer to end of month 15.64 = $35.80

“There will be vacancies for a few Boarders this coming Term & your boy has the first offer.” “Perhaps you will kindly tell me if you still wish him to be admitted as a Boarder.”

I’m thinking of some changes in the billing process.

“I am happy to say that Thomas has done satisfactorily in his Final Examn. He did particularly well last Term – but for some time this past term he did not do his work as well. The reason being I believe that he studied at W Bruce’s instead of in the College as when he was at Mr Matheson’s. I found it necessary to insist at one time on his returning to the habit of studying in College. Still there were difficulties in dark and disagreeable nights & roads &, as he began to do his work better, I allowed the studying in College to drop off without notice. He pulled up well towards the close. He was first in his Form of 15 boys in Religious Instruction & equal at First with another boy in English. In Latin he did not do so well & there lost place in his Form.

He has very good abilities & I daresay will study well if in College. In all his conduct he gives the fullest satisfaction & is a nice, hearty, pleasant boy.

I am, very sincerely yrs, R. Rupertsland

The Hon. John Norquay

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| A - 112 | Jan. 14, 1877 | Letter | Adams, Charles | Pas, Cumberland District | Norquay, John | Private friendly letter on different private family matters. |

My dear John

I am most sadly disappointed in not getting only [one] solitary letter from any one of my friends in Manitoba at all, not even a line…

I start back tomorrow from here, Cumbd House, where I had come on a visit & also to be able to answer my letters – what a bill! [jell, pill, fell, ?]

Please find out how my mother is doing and, if she needs any money, please help her.

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| A - 114 | Aug. 7, 1877 | Receipt | Drummond, J.A.K. Collector of Taxes | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt for Mrs. Chas. Adams taxes. |

“Received from Chas Adams per Honble J Norquay amt of taxes for 1876 & 1877 – in all $3.60.”

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| A - 115 | Nov. 14, 1877 | Receipt | Beauregard, H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $15.50. Receipt herewith. |

“For meals, 23 Aug to 14 Nov -- $15.50 Recd payement”

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| A - 116 | Dec. 3, 1877 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $15.00. |

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| A - 117 | June 18, 1877 | Receipt | R. Rupertsland | St. John's College City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $20.00. |

Rec’d cheque for $20.00 on a/c Thomas’ bill ….

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| A - 118 | Dec. 6, 1877 | Receipt | Lyon, W.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $8.90. |

Rec’d from Hon. John Norquay $8.90 balance of a/c Lisgar Agric’ Society for Flat boat & Lumber

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| A - 119 | May 14, 1877 | Receipt | Mercer, F.C. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John  St Paul’s Parish | To account rendered $7.00. Receipt herewith. |

JN bought 2 pr cloth shoes 23 Nov 1876, pd on 27 June 1877 $7.00

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| A - 120 | July 3, 1878? Or 77? | Receipt | Wright, Archibald | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $8.00. Receipt herewith. |

Receipt for $8.00 – balance on double set of harness bought 21 Feb

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| A - 121 | Sept. 1, 1877 | Receipt | Lusted, Thomas Manitoba Carriage and Sleigh Factory | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $12.71. Receipt herewith. |

1 May: balance of Acct $21.21 and 16 July “Weld Axle tree $1.50 = $22.71”

30 June by cheque $10.00 Pd. 1 Sept 1877 $12.71

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| A - 122 | March 15, 1877 | Receipt | Ashdown, T.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $14.25. Receipt herewith. |

22 Jany 6 Hangg Lamps 2.00 Rev Young 12.00

2 Bracket Lamps 2.25 “ 4.50

2 gals C. Oil & Can “ 2.75 = 19.75

Less subscription 5.00

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| A - 123 | Dec. 13, 1877 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, Hon.John | To amount of account $94.89. Receipt herewith. |

Shingles, siding, windows, flooring $94.89 Recd payment

[personal building, or govt bill?]

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| A - 124 | Sept. 29, 1877 | Receipt | Ryan, T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $1.35. Paid October 20, 1877. |

Bill dated 4 June 1 pr boots 7.50, shoes 6.00 = $13.50

20 Oct/77 Pd. T Ryan $15.00

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| A - 125 | Oct. 29, 1877 | Promissory Note | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Dick & Banning | Cancelled [promissory] note of hand Mr. N. to the above amount $60.45. |

On 29 Oct, Norquay wrote: “Ninety days after date I promise to pay to the order of Dick & Banning at the Merchants Bank here the sum of sixty 45/100 dollars.” And notation on it for “30 Jany, $60.45” and ink stamp of Merchants Bank. Cover note says “Cancelled note of hand given by Mr. N to the above acct $60.45.”

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| April 2, 1877 | Receipt | Higgins and Young $11.26 | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $11.26. Receipt herewith. |
| July 1, 1877 | Receipt | "Davis House" $3.37 | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John to Bell & West | To amount of account to date $3.37 1/2. Paid. |

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| May 8, 1877 | Receipt | Kennedy, W.N. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $43.25 re: life insurance policy. |

For life insurance policy – Jn pd premium of $43.25

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| A - 129 | Feb. 26, 1877 | Tax Receipt | Carruthers, G.F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $9.00 City Taxes. |

Jn pd city taxes on city lot, $9.00

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| A - 130 | March 28, 1877 | Receipt | R. Rupertsland, St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for Dioc. Fund $5.00. |

JN donation of $5.00 to Diocesan Fund 1876-7

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| Oct. 1, 1877 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. & Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $8.80. Paid. |

JN paid on account $8.80 (book, stationery, clocks)

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| A - 132 | [No Date] | Note Due Notice | Ontario Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of note falling due. Amount $91.89. Mistaken date on cover. Receipt on reverse from Wm. MacLean, Winnipeg, June 23, 1877 for team of mules, wagon & harness. |

Note coming due, JN to pay Bank $91.89 on 29 June.

Receipt on reverse side, dated 23 June 1877, handwritten and formal, “Received from Mr Norquay the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) being amount in full for one team of mules wagon & harness. Winnipeg. William McLean [sgd]

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| A - 133 | Feb. 6, 1877 | Receipt | Brown & Rutherford | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for the sum of $10.00 on account. |

JN owed $28.75, paid 2 installments of $10. each – owes $8.75 still.

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| A - 134 | Nov. 26, 1877 | Receipt | Chambers, Wm. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $6.25. Paid. |

$6.25 for 400 cartridge cases, several boxes of wads – paid to estate of gun merchant

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| A - 135 | Dec. 31, 1877 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $68.88. Paid. |

23 March 2 gals best whisky @ 2.50 = 5.00 and 1 keg 1.25

21 June 1 “”” 2.50

22 Sept 2 gals dark brandy 10.00

10 Oct 1 keg Symp 5.00, 1 Bar Whisky 5.65 [perhaps glass was .65]

7 Nov 1 gal brandy 5.75

Bill also includes apples, rice, sugar, lard, ham, can of lobster, boxes of shoe blacking, shoe brushes, assorted fruit, corn starch, coconut, figs, bischits, white buns, apples, macaroni, raisins, rice, sugar, and coal oil – Total $152.80

22 Dec. add assorted candy, 2 bottles whiskey, 6 lbs currants, raisins, and a bottle of brandy for $9.25 total

Paid cash on 3 Jan, 7 March, 31 July, 15 Sept, and on 31 Dec paid remainder, $68.88

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| A - 136 | Nov. 17, 1877 | Receipt $2.00 | Thomas, E.G. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. | No Cover |

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| A - 137 | March 1, 1877 | Receipt | Kinsey, D.C. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Bought $67.17, and by this receipt $40.00 pd to lumber merchant

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| A - 138 | Aug. 31, 1877 | Receipt | Hay, E.H.G.G. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Rapids Steam Mills, St. Andrews, a bill from 13 March, 1875, it would seem [though perhaps it’s 1877], for cracked wheat, bran, 8 bushels wheat to E. Mowat, and 4 sacks – total $22.13, paid cash of $10.00 on 31 Aug. 1877

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| A - 139 | Nov. 11, 1877 | Annual  Subscription | Manitoba Curling Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account. |

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| A - 140 | June 1, 1877 | Receipt | Manitoba Carriage and Sleigh Factory | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Thos. Lusted $31.21 pd cash $10.00 [owes 21.21]

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| A - 141 | March 10, 1877 | Receipt | Ashdown, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Bill for finishing nails, spikes, hanging lamps, 2 brackets, and 2 gals Coal oil and can, (Rev Young), totals nearly $60.00, paid in 3 instalments throughout year.

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| A - 142 | Jan. 2, 1877 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Probably for furniture - $73.70 -- 3 payments over year

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| A - 143 | Jan. 1877 | Receipt | Boyd, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

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| A - 144 | Jan. 1, 1877 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

Owes $13.80 – books, stationery, fancy goods

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| A - 145 | April 12, 1877 | Receipt | Guilmette, P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Grocer: Ham, flour, St. Paul Extra, Maxfield Extra, plus interest of 12% = $42.63 [Main St opposite Portage Road] Note on back: Rec’d 40 81.

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| A - 147 | Oct. 31, 1877 | Receipt | Higgins, Young & Jackson | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

$11.00 “You are requested to settle at once” [gents furnishings, tailoring, dry goods]

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| A - 148 | Dec. 1, 1877 | Receipt | Higgins, Young & Jackson | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

Pd $3.25 on 1Nov and $8 on 1 Dec.

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| A - 149 | 1877 | Receipt | St. John's College School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

Midsummer term, 1877: $2.64 for books and ink, 12.50 for tuition, .50 for library fee, = 15.64 for present term, and 20.16 arrears from last account = $35.80

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| A - 150 | Dec. 31, 1877 | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

pd $15.00 on 34.44 account

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| A - 151 | April 19, 1877 | Receipt | Matheson, Norman | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Receipt in full for board of Thomas Norquay. |

Pd in full for Thos Norquay board –

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| A - 153 | Feb. 5, 1877 | Letter | Sheehan, M. Provincial Penitentiary | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Speaking evil of Mr. N. and his denial of the same and re: sundry matters affecting the jail and the government. |

I didn’t “speak in a disrespectful manner of you and the Hon Mr. Davis individually.” You ‘were kind enough to sanction my appointment as Hd Turnkey …. I am willing to come to Winnipeg or to any part of the province and meet those parties who are unprincipled enough to make such statements after I left Winnipeg….”

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| A - 154 | March 2, 1877 | Receipt | Brown & Rutherford | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $8.24. Paid. |

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| A - 155 | Dec. 31, 1877 | Receipt | Wright, Archibald | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $15.00. Paid. |

1 set of dog harness $15.00

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| A - 156 | May 20, 1878 | Letter | McPhillips, Hank Editor, "Free Press" | City (Winnipeg) | [No Name] | Letter to Ed. Free Press re: the Public Roads blaming the Hon. Mr. Norquay M.P.W. |

Letter to the editor of Free Press blaming Min of PublicWorks, “who has returned from the east” re the main highway in the parish of St Charles. The surveyor Mr. Bray said that he put the road wherever he was instructed by the minister. He should have a drive over it and see how nicely it misses the dry spots. Money was spent on the previous route, now we have a new one that suits a few people. As it is now, “you must knock down our MPPs fence to get to St Charles (as did the Hon Jas McKay to get to church a week ago), or be lost in mud hole. The Minister should have paid more attention when the survey took place.

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| A - 157 | [No Date] | Memorandum | [No Name] | [No Location] | [No Name] | Enquiry into accounts presented by parties claiming payment for clothing destroyed. Re: small pox. |

Memo on enquiry re clothing destroyed in smallpox epidemic, and claims for losses thereof from Dr. Lynch’s dog driver, messenger/special constable, Dr. Beddome’s dog driver, nurse at Netley Creek hospital, trapper, and Dr. James Bedford etc.

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| A - 158 | Aug. 16, 1878 Sept. 23, 1878 | Meeting  Notices | Matheson, Samuel G. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of meetings. |

St John’s College Ladies School meetings

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| A - 159 | Jan 30, 1878 | Letter | Norquay, John Public Works, Minister | City (Winnipeg) | Booth, Wm. Payton, Roadoverseer, Boyne | Robbing timber on road allowance. |

Handwritten on good stationery, 1 fold, 4-sided: “Winnipeg Dept Pub Works 30th Jan 1878

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 23rd inst informing me that parties are taking away the timber in the road allowance & in reply beg to state that the Local Govt have no authority in the premises inasmuch as the Domn Govt never gave over to us those road allowances. However I am of opinion that it is very bad policy to rob the road allowances of the timber which I have no doubt the Domn Govt would have no hesitation in giving for the purposes mentioned in your letter.

I have the honor to be[,] yr obt servt[,] J Norquay MRNR

[Initials of secretary? MPMK? --- same handwriting as the many cover sheets added to letters in this period]

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| A - 160 | [No Date] | Note | [No Name] | [No Location] |  | [Note re Electoral Division of Cartier] |

Handwritten, with cover sheet, designating that it concerns Elec. Div Cartier, and Mr. Norquay:

“Electoral Division of Cartier

Robert W. Smith

John W. Cuddy

Ces noms ont été réfuse en accord avc cap. 18. Sec.13 par le Juge. »

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| A - 161 | [No Date] | Memo for estimates | [No Name] | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Estimates. |

Handwritten speech notes for estimates, i suspect :

“Historical Society want grant

Amendment to municipal bill by Rockwood Council petition

Survey or road according to petition by Louis Lacerte & others St Norbert Sud, East side of river distance about 12 miles

Wheat. Fife. Golden drop (with ears); Blk Sea. Loules

Barley 2 Rowed & 4 Rowed

Oats. Norway. Blk oat. Can mkt oats Halless

Turnips. Swede & other kinds carrots

Rye & Buckwheat

Mangolds - Sugar Beets

Wild hops

Potatoes of all descriptions

Peas – and corn

Onions

Prairie grass

Timothy clover (with seed) & Hungarian grass

Currants. Gooseberries. Apples.

Plums & wild currants

Butter. Cheese. Honey.

Different soils.

Flour. Meal. Flax seed.

1st to 19th Sept 1879 – Toronto. Must be shipped to Toronto by 25th August

Brick & Pottery clays.

Samples of timber. Oak. Ash. Poplar.

Bass spruce. Balsam. Maple.

[perhaps what they will exhibit in Toronto at CNE or its predecessor?]

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| A - 162 | Nov. 27, 1878 | Receipt | McDonald, John | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Receipt for (Detective duty) $2.50. |

“Received of J Norquay the sum of two dollars & fifty cents being part of expense incurred by me while employed in detective duty.

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| A - 163 | 1880  NOT 1878 | Speech from the Throne | Draft with corrections | Cover sheet says 1878 – is 1880 |  | Notes & Copy of Speech from the Throne. |

“Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

“I have much pleasure in meeting you on this the first occasion of the Legislative Assembly being convened since the general elections of the past year and take this early opportunity of congratulating you on the general prosperity of the Province and on the abundant harvest that has rewarded the labour of the husbandman.”

MB and NW winning attention in “the Mother Country” – so “these rich and magnificent prairies” will attract “the surplus population Great Britain & Ireland” and thereby develop “those institutions of which we as British subjects are so justly proud.”

Exhibit of MB products in Ottawa and other large cities has “fairly established our claims to rank foremost as a grain producing Province” and the same among British commissioners and delegates of the tenant farmers of GB and Ireland who visited last autumn – will attract farmers from there.

I congratulate you “on the success of the delegation of the Executive Council in among others things obtaining from the federal government a settlement of all outstanding accounts between the Province and the Dominion: an arrangement on favourable terms for the maintenance of Lunatics in the Province; an assurance that at the approaching session of the Parliament of Canada an item will be put in the estimates to provide for the erection of plain but sufficient buildings for the Legislative Assembly; a Government House for the Province; a Dominion Lunatic Asylum & Hospital and an increase in the Annual subsidy of the Province.

Some of the leading measures to be submitted for your consideration:

A system of municipal organization and a measure to authorize Govt to assist municipalities in carrying out necessary improvements in certain cases;

A system of drainage for the province;

An act respecting interpleading;

An act to provide for making the electoral lists on a cheaper plan;

The improvement of the highways;

Various other important measures

You’ll be asked “in view of the approaching census to give your careful attention to an address to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada praying for an extension of the limits of the Province;

Public accounts and the estimates of public expenditure

These measures “submitted to you in a spirit of true patriotism & that you will be actuated by no other desire than to legislate for the advantage and true interests of the people who have honored you with so important a trust.”

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| A - 165 | Jan. 7, 1878 | Report | James, Wm. J., Registrar | Portage la Prairie, Man. | [No Name] | Return of business transacted in Registry Office, Marquette West to Dec. 31, 1877. |

County of Marquette Registry Office, Portage – business of $853.75 in past year (1877)

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| A - 166 | Oct. 2, 1875 | Receipt | Clark, W.G., Secretary, Winnipeg General Hospital | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Order to pay Mr. Norquay $99.05 and charge to Hospital. |

Pd to Mr. Norquay, $99.05, charge same to Winnipeg General Hospital, signed by R A Davis Provl Treasurer, Geo Young Chairman, and W C Claarke Secretary.

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| A - 167 | 1879 | Receipt | Ladies' School St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $54.47. Re: Bella Norquay. |

Re Bella Norquay: Board 70; English 10; Music 12.50; Seat in Cathedral .50; French 5 – total 104.47; cash pd 50 – Balance due $54.47. Includes 6.47 from previous term plus all of Xmas Term

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| A - 168 | March 21, 1875 | Letter & Collection Notice | Setter, Duncan | Poplar Point, Man. | Norquay, John -  Brother-in-law | Asking Mr. N. to see Barrister McKenzie and explain that the Bill for subscription for the Manitoban for 4 years is wrong. He refused the paper and is no subscriber for the same. Enclosure: [?] McKenzie, Barrister to Rich[ar]d Setter, Poplar Point. 13 March 1875. |

Dear Brother in law: I am very sorry to troble you to do a little pice of business for me. In 1870 I subscribed for the Manitoban for one year when the year was out I did not want it any more I went to the Postmaster Mr. Sweatman and told him to send back the papers he did so and I never went after them again and know [now] I got a note from McKenzie the Lawyer for four years payment for the paper I don’t think it is right and if you will see McKenzie and tell him about it I think he will see it is not right

I am sending the note for you to see and if I have to pay it tell McKenzie I am not prepared to do so at present I would be very much oblidge to you if you can do it for me soon we are all my love [sic] to you all I remain Your truly Duncan Setter

Try and make it all right

Answer by first mail if you please

[The bill itself is addressed to Richd Setter Poplar Pt, dated 13 Mar 1875, written my McKenzie Bar &C, on behalf of Mr. Coldwell, for $9.28.]

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| A - 169 | Aug. 28, 1875 | Letter | Setter, Duncan | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John - Netaw [Brother-in-law] | Family news and offering Mr. N.'s oxen and stating he is going to sell his horse. |

Dear Netaw

I write you a few lines letting you know that we are all well and I hope you are the same. We are getting pretty well through our hay and Roderick is going on the railroad. I was thinking to make a bargain about your yoke of oxen if you have so sold them yet. I was thinking to make a short trip this fall to [Fort] Pelly. I would keep two of your cows next winter and as soon as the snow falls I would go down and hall [haul] your wood for the winter.

I was thinking of selling my mare she has been out all the time and is very fat doing nothing. If you can lend me the oxen or sale them to me let me know as soon as possible if you please. Remember us to Betsy

Yours truly Duncan Setter Let me know next mail and you will oblidge me.

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| A - 170 | Sept. 8, 1875 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to hand the enclosed certificate of  Baptism of his children to the Commissioner. |

Dear Norquay

I send to you a certificate of the Baptism of my children sent to me by Mr Young of St Andrew’s Parish would you kindly hand over the same for me to Commissioner McLean [?] as he says claims made cant be good without certificates. So you will greatly oblige me to hand over the enclosed…. I expect to go down some time week after next if all keeps well. Petty [Letty] will be comeing down with me to make a general visit. I would like to see your new House I hope I will have time this time to be able to go down the way. …. I remain your dear friend, Andrew Spence.

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| A - 171 | Apr. 6, 1875 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | A seat in the Council and re: a fortune. |

Dear Norquay

Rec’d your letter -- Thanks for news that Leg Council not expanding – and my suggestion that I be the new member … “I hope you will excuse me for aspiring to such a notion and actually to have the brass to ask you of such a favour.” [sic] I’m embarrassed to have asked – “however I hope it will not go further than yourself to know of it.”

“I am sorry you did not let me know sooner that you wanted down your harrow. I might of sent it down by Philip as he was down so near you last week. I really do not know what to do this spring. I think Farming will be useless however I’ll try a little. I’m slowly making my mind for Saskatcwan [sic] If Govt sends freight to Carlton or Pelly let me know if I can “secure a trip … so that we might make some kind of a swing. Though you are not member for High Bluff we the natives still look to as our foremost man and I hope you will do all you can to secure a chance for us if anny.” [sic]

I’m “full of requests” and this next will make you laugh: “Report up this way is Jack Irvin as got word of a big fortune left to him by his late mother and that mother was George Setters mother’s mother & Archy. And Andrew Spence Father’s Mother and all the other Spences great grandmother now don’t laugh. Its just as old George put it to me and asked me to write to you about it and for you to enquire from Duncan McArthur the Winnipeg Banker if such be the case as he is the man mentioned to be telling Jack Irvin all the secrets of this great fortune. According to old George’s talk when he traces up our for Fathers he names our great grandfather Sir Isaac Batt, and this is were the fortune comes from which we hope to participate from however funny this may appear to you. If you have hard [sic] the report yourself which I have no doubt you have….” – then old Jack would be “kicked aside”

We were very sorry to hear of Betsy serious illness so long & also happy to hear of her getting better.

PS Will you be buying a yoke of oxen soon If so I’m the man will sell you a yoke at any age We have another little one added to the Family by Elizabeth Ann she had a son tother [sic] night. Yours truly Andrew Spence

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| A - 172 | Dec. 6, 1875 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Apologizing for his conduct and asking Mr. N. to  secure a loan of $200 or $300. |

Dear Norquay

I find you very silent this while back in not writing a line to me. I hope you are not taking offence with me for my bad behaviour at the Portage exhibition towards you in making you footed down to Gordins’ go, all through a drinking fit. I assure you dear Norquay I never felt so mean in my life as I did when I awoke from the drunken sleep I earnestly hope that you will not see me in such a state again. I felt very much ashamed when in Winnipeg last I wished to see you and at the same time felt very akward [sic] about it. And when you treated me as you did as if nothing transpired in my conduct towards you I felt or the more humiliated. And for this reason I have joined the FAGT [TOGL] at Portage la Prairie. John James as also joined it. Old Gerrona [? Germany?] got on the drink at the dinner at St Andrews night. The result is that that he was proposed at the last meeting of the Lodge to become a member. We have no news or nothing new …only some people up here say the Standard is the best newspaper of corse [sic] I keep my opinion to myself on that matter. I wonder if High Bluffers will get any assistance from the Gov in getting seed for next spring. If not I would like to know what is your opinion on the relief extended to this province by the Dom Gov.

I would like if you could procure the loan of a few hundred dollars for me from some of your rich acquaintances in Winnipeg. I would give a mortgage on my lot eather [sic] of the lots you know how I’m situated and therefore could act for me in the matter without that I cant see how am I to farm this spring try your best for me to procure the loan, for 2 or 3 years & at 10per c.

Philip Hourie would wish to mortgage is place if he could only know where to get the money. I assure you its going to be a hard time next summer and now I must conclude with wishing you and Family in good health. We are all well, at present, thank God, I remain yours truly, Andrew Spence

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| A - 173 | April 8, 1875 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for a Copy of the Speech from the Throne and also for a copy of the Free Press and passing eulogies on his success. |

Dear Norquay

I can not but thank you for your kindness in sending the speech from the throne and also a dayly Free Press. I can see you are still mindful of me. I asure [sic] you I received that same with great pleasure as you must know that I’m very lowly these times no shooting, and hauling over. I often wish I was nearer to your legislative Hall. I think I would sit with pleasure in lisning [sic] to your debates. Your reply to F.E. Cornish’s speech takes well up this way & it makes me proud to know at least that we have one native that can teach Cornish is place in that House. Take care this time when in the Ministry keep clear of the lawyers. If not sufficiently confident for my part I think you have hit the mark this time by accepting a seat in the Ministry & the proud way your constituents supported you. Old McKenzie is a staunch man for you. I was with him one whole day buying up wheat for destitute parties. This is how I know his sentiments towards you. I think Dr. Cowan will be a firm man on your side try and keep the Doctor on your side so that the pople [sic] of High bluff that is the Canadians may see after all their member is influenced by John Norquay.

The natives up this way would like to know what about the grants to be given in script. They ask me can they sell this scrip to the Gov and get $160 …. Or in other words will the Gov. give $160 for the scrip to the Heads of families and children that’s of age. What say you. I hope the gov. will take action in the matter as soon as possible for it will be a great help this hard summer.

I hope you will answer this. And also if you have received any information about the family fortune. I hope Betsy’s well and all your other care

I remain your effect [affectionate] friend, Andrew Spence

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| A - 174 | June 16, 1875 | Letter | Spence, Baptist | White Mud River | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay to fulfill his promise and come up and see his place. |

Hon. John Norquay

Sir I have been waiting this long time for you to come and see my place according to promise when I last saw you in Town. You then told me not to dispose of my place until you came up to see it. Now it is a long time since, and I don’t know what to do. I would like to go on the Reserve and at the same time I don’t like to leave my place without getting something for my labour and improvement. I would be obliged if you would let me know soon without fail what your intentions are. …so I would like to see you up here we are wronged by the Canadians to a great extent….”

Yours truly Baptist Spence

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| A - 175 | March 16, 1875 | Letter | Ralston, John | Prescott, Ont. | Norquay, John | His Congratulations upon Mr. N. again becoming MPW. |

Congratulations on becoming MPW again. We’ve had “a rough cold winter” in ON and “I would much rather have been in Manitoba than here I do not think I will ever spend another winter in old Canada” You may want to rent my house in Wpg – Lyon is the agent for it.

Is there much building likely in MB this summer. I’ll probably bid on building a Parlt bldg there.

“I saw Dr Shultz at Prescott he looked as if he had been taking Pills”

Please write, “I am confounded lonesome in this country.” Your obt sevt John Ralston

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| A - 176 | March 31, 1875 | Letter | Bishop Rupertsland, re:  St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging sub. to the Dioc. td. for the year ending Easter. Re: Thomas attending school. |

Thanks for the $5.00 donation to the Diocesan Fund for yr ending Easter 1875.

Sorry I did not see you when I called “indeed I have been reproaching myself for not writing you about Thomas. You expressed a wish that he might be here. I shd be glad to have him for he is a clever & good boy though requiring to be kept to his work….

We have two beds because their eventual occupants will not get in from the Interior in time.” I put your boy’s name down for admission but let me know – there are several waiting for admission – 13 names besides that of Thomas.

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| A - 177 | Sept. 8, 1875 | Letter | Ross, John | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he is coming out to bring his gun. |

Dear Jack:

…Well I am still cutting hay We have 400 lods [loads] cut but not built. We will have it all built this week. Wont the prairie chickens get a Haven. I hear that you were talking of coming out if you com next week I wish you would bring out my gun from Chambers that is hes gote it fixt …he fixt it once before so it did not stand so he told me to bring it in and he would fix it free of charge….If he wants to fus [sic] about it don’t bother your self ….Another thing I killed a fat sheep and want you to get some. Maggie said to keep som prouens for you….I ate so meany [many] yesterday you will gease [sic] the result I wount [sic] tell you know I keep them till I See you. So that we will both enjoy the fun, if you have the Act 1875 bring it out so good night I remain yours truly John Ross

Maggie gives her best respects to Betsey

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| A - 178 | Nov. 18, 1875 | Letter | Davis, R.A. | Sherbrooke, Que. | Norquay, John | Political matters. |

My dear Mr Norquay

Yours under date of the 22nd of last month came to hand this morning after having followed me around ….over two weeks. I fully agree with you in reference to the action of Barber [?] and consider he should be made to understand that he can expect no favors at the hands of the government if he allows his paper to be used by our opponents. I thoroughly posted MacKenzie Blake and Huntington as to ODonnell Cornish etc and believe that anything they may say hereafter will not affect us in the least at the Capital. I got no direct promise in reference to your appointment but think from what was said you have a fair chance. I received a letter from Mr Royal this a.m. and also one from Schults. The Dr. professes friendship for myself and Government politically. Royal was in Montreal and he writes me that he thinks he has done good work by stopping some of the journals from pitching into us for consistency in the abolition of the Upper House. We will probably be back about the 5th of next month… Yours faithfully, R.A. Davis

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| A - 179 | Aug. 2, 1875 | Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Slater, Wm.,  Poplar Point | Private family matters. |

Copy of John’s letter to Slater:

“My dear Sir

The advice you ask of me is a very delicate matter and one in which I feel I am as much at a loss as your are yourself if as you state Mr. Taylor under promise of marriage seduced your daughter the fact that he asked yours and your wife’s consent will be strong corroborative evidence in your favour and I have no doubt would be well considered by a court of justice. My opinion is that you can only sue him for breach of promise of marriage and I have no doubt that the court taking into consideration the irreparable injury done to your daughter would allow a considerable amount of damages.

I have the honour to be yr obt servt J Norquay

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| A - 180 | Oct. 11, 1875 | Letter | Clarke and McClure | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Mr. R. Pritchard's note endorsed by Mr. Norquay. |

Sir: Mr. R Pritchard’s note endorsed by you matures on the 15th inst. For the sum of $43.00 less $30.00 if paid on the 20th Sept. Hoping that you will find it convenient to provide for it on maturity. We are, Clarke & McClure, Thos Scott.

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| A - 181 | Aug. 5, 1875 | Letter | MacDonald, John | High Bluff | Norquay, John | The Portage whiskey ring furious at the members of the Government and everyone who opposes holding an exhibition this fall. |

“My dear sir:

Old McBain has been here the other day and told me that you advised him to put an a/c against the Government for losses sustained while he was poundkeeper and wished me to make out such a/c….” Advise me please

“The Portage whiskey ring are furious at the members of the Govt, McKenzie and every other one who opposed holding an exhibition this fall and I am afraid that the most of the directors in this country will go for holding it. I have got old Whimster turned against but Andrew is as still as ever in favor of it. The only way to prevent it is by having the Directors from other parts of the province to attend on the 1st instant….

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Wishing that your shadow may never grow less, Yours etc. John McDonald

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| A - 182 | March 29, 1875 | Certificate | Brown, E.P. & Phillips, A.W.J. | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Appointing John Norquay a Provincial Deputy Worthy Grand Chief Templar of the British Templars, Park Creek Lodge No. 3. |

British Templars “faith, hope, and charity” certificate appointing Hon John Norquay “Provincial Deputy Worthy Grand Chief Templar” for Parks Creek Lodge No 3.

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| A - 183 | Aug. 9, 1875 | Letter | Bell, John H. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. | City (Wpg) | Norquay, John | Notice of meeting on the 17th August. Among other business the laying of the Corner Stone of City  market building. |

Re special meeting of Grand Lodge at Masonic Hall on 17 Aug. for various business (constitn, ritual) at 1:00, and “To proceed at 3pm to lay the corner Stone of City Market Building. All Brethren are requested to appear in full regalia, black clothing, white neck ties and gloves”

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| “A - 184 | March 24, 1875 | Letter | Maloney, Daniel Secretary Treasurer Baie St. Paul East School Trustees | Baie St. Paul East, Man. | Norquay, John | Amount of school taxes rendered $5.96. |

School tax, Baie St Paul East – arrears 3.96 and for year 1875 $2 = 5.96

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| A - 185 | April 6, 1875 | Letter | Setter, John | Parks Creek | Norquay, John | Stating he cannot meet the Int. $80.00 now due. |

“Hon John Norquay

My dear sir: I have not the amount at this time that you would wish to have as I took down the last [hand?] of all the cash I had on hand. All the cash I have at present is $20 or 25 dollars. The last knight [sic] you spoke to me I thought at once that I would let you have it as I got it in. But I rely [really] cant meet the $80.00 just now. These men [mead] not be at a lose I will see them paid only [camde: send?] me the amount that is due to each man.

Privat) If you want a few dollars to leave with your family you can get it. Your truly John Setter

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| A - 186 | Sept. 19, 1875? 1878? 1883? | Letter | Campbell, Archie | Pembina Branch CPR | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to secure him 12 sacks of flour. |

Odd letter, odd date: [*cover sheet* says it’s private, and to JN, and CPR]

Dear sir please could be kind enough to secure twelve sacks of flour for me In case the price will raise before I can get to town its likely I will stay on the line till the fifteenth of October I am very sorry to trouble you about the flour but try and get the best the cheapest for me if you oblige me by doing so this time I will perhaps be able to do as much for you yet and it [if?]you can write me a few lines that I may know what to do so no more at present I am perfectly well hoping this will find the same Yours truly Archie Campbell Alcocks camp Pembina branch

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| A - 187 | April 1, 1875 | Letter | Setter, John J.[not the Parks Creek JohnSetter] | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John - Neestaw [Brother-in-Law] | **Congratulating Mr. N. upon having secured a seat in the Cabinet and other matters of private interest.** |

“My Dear Neestaw

I am so glad that you have again succeeded to a seat in the Ministry. I hope that you may have a blessing with it, you at least have settled friend Hay. I am sorry however that the Opposition was not strong enough to have carried the fortress by storm. There is always so much more glory, however I think that all parties acted wisely to make the best of the situation, especially when the result places you in so good a nest. Poor Tom must feel sore.

I hope that you may continue to hold the confidence so worthily reposed in you. I am sure that few public men hold so high in the estimation of both friends & foes as you do, tho’ for a few days you [sic] reputation was far below par. I am sorry that McKenzie did not explain matters more publicly. But Mac will make a good representative “into it” he has done more already than our old member did in his whole term or for all his life for that matter. I hope that Betsy is better, I fear that blasted stinking weed is not good for the lungs. My poor wife is always ailing too. I am only thankful that she has stood the wear & tear of so many years weakness so well, but I am afraid this spring that her lungs are give out. I pray that I may be mistaken, but I fear greatly. I have very little to do in my line this spring. I hope you will see that my accts settled as soon as possible I am next thing to be destitute which is too bad when I have an a/c of two or three hundred dollars with the Govt for three months. Can you not send me some stationary, the clerk gets his, why not me?

I hope you will get me my pay as soon as possible I want seed & have nothing to purchase with, & seed is rising in price, it seems to me that your Govt takes a long time to consider a small matter, send me a few dollars anyway & return the same amount when my a/c is paid $25.00 would get me what seed I require.

Goodbye continue in same good old way & you will be happy. I was glad that you had joined BOGT. By the way I have a private lodge of my own & John McDonald K McKenzie & myself run the machine Andrew is going to join us, Keestaw John Jas

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| A - 188 | May 13, 1875 | Letter | Adams, C. | Victoria [The Pas?!] | Norquay, John | Family and friendly matters. |

“My dear John

Joe Favell is about leaving for Red River so I shall write you a short note by him. I am glad to say we are all well just now & are living in peace, but not in plenty. Provisions are pretty scarce, tho’ we have a little. Buffalo are scarce this spring tho’ they were plentiful all winter but as Robes was the [rage?] no one made any provisions, hard times is the result particularly by the Whitford & Anderson tribe. Your sister is well but just now is in dread of a little trouble in accordance with the course of nature. I hope by next chance I shall be able to give you a good a/c of all. She is sending a pair of shoes to you & Tom. Horace is going to challenge his cousin H for a race next summer. Nancy wishes very much for you to send her your likeness we hear that you are getting so fearfully big. We wd like to see you. Nancy also wishes you to kiss the baby, in course I suppose, for her. I have not one man at present. The Coy is gee into saving. So I have all the work to look after alone I have lost 11 lbs in weight in twice that no. of days. I can hardly get time to write this, I have men packing by the day, & while at a pack I am scribbling this, I have made a good trade this year near 700 robes besides other furs. I trust to see you next year. We are going to leave the HBC Can’t have anything whatever in service, try something else. Nancy & all of us send our love to each and all of you &remain always, Yrs affly

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| A - 189 | Nov. 2, 1875 | Letter | Adams, Robert | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking for $7.50 due to Louman Estate which Mr. N. promised to pay. |

Hon John Norquay

Dear Sir I recd a summons concerning a debt due to the Lowman Estate a debt which I took through your recommendation in the spring of 1873 when I was getting out your wood you told me then to take from Lowman shop and you would pay him. The sum due is $7.50. I’m hard up and don’t know how to meet the Bill. Try and let me have the above amt by next mail. If you have never settled with the Late Lowman for me. And you will oblige Yours Kindly, Robert Adams

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| A - 190 | Aug. 13, 1875 | Letter | Adams, C. | Victoria, Sasktn | Norquay, John - Neestaw [Brother-in-Law] | Friendly and family matters. |

My dear Neestaw

I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of your favour by Mr. J. Brown, on the 23rd ult. We were very glad to hear you were all well, particularly as letters from RR were something like angels visits, as for Tom he seems to have forgotten us all together now & uncle does not write so frequently either. With regard my leaving the service, I have given in my resignation already but it is not accepted yet – having been desired to reconsider it. Since then I have seen Insptg C.F. Hamilton & I was satisfied that an item of 98 [pounds] stg in my a/c which has been disputed by me will be all right, so that with other minor points settled to my satisfaction may make change in my future arrangements. I also have hopes to get leave to visit RR with my family next spring, where I trust to see you all in the enjoyment of health & happiness. It is probable that if I remain I shall be sent to take charge of St Ann’s again & conjointly Jaspers House at the R. Mtns. I was very fortunate at this post last winter. Mr Bruce made a loss of $1500 in ’73 Outfit & I was lucky to make $700.00 clear profit this last outfit .

You spoke about politics as if I would bother my head about it – that does not bother me, if you are fortunate I was thankful & glad at your success indeed I was delighted in reading some articles in Feby Free Press in your favour, tis true they may have had an object in view but still was always en yr favour. I trust you will always be guided by the same principles in future.

The steamer “Northcote” made a successful trip up to Edmonton from the Grand Rapids which she done in 21 days. The water being only medium depth at the time from here to E. We had 6 ft water, shallowest places. I enjoyed my trip in it very much. They had to warp up 15 of the Rapids of the Cole’s Falls & 1 Rapid between Fort Pitt & here. The boat is 150 ft & has rather too little power for the size or she wd not warp up so many places. We expect her again about the 20th inst. I trust this will find you & yours all well & with our united love to you & Elizabeth & family, I remain, always yrs sincerely Charley

PS Nancy still looks out for your photograph every mail (which are now monthly!)

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| A - 191 | June 16, 1875 | Assessment Notice | Kennedy & McVicar Assessors | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Lots at Point Douglas. |

#1172, “Hon John Norquay, Prov Secty” [Occupation] Property described as “Ptns 30 & 31, Main St, Point Douglas Common” Value of Lot – 1200 total value 1200.

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| A - 192 | Dec. 5, 1876 | Letter | Adams, Charles | Pas Cumberland Dist | Norquay, John, Neestaw [Brother-in-law] | Friendly and family matters. |

“My dear Neestaw

As our friend & Bourgeois Mr. Belanger is to pass here tomorrow en route to Canada, or the lower provinces, I shall avail myself of scratching a few words. Since we left, for some time our children did not enjoy good health until lately but now they are all right except Tom who remains rather thin but perhaps because when he is growing. Baby is all right but not yet weaned & is getting a bad boy as his mother believes that he ought not to be punished. Your namesake John is getting quite stout & is looking as if he wanted to take after you. By the way did you send out a Keg of 4 or 5 gal of keg whiskey out to my address for last steamer Colville as a keg came & I found it, but shared it with Mr. Chivers as he expected some out & I think was advised by some one in authority out here to address to me. Any way I divided with Jack, but best of all the other day we got a hint that it was as likely it was for our parson, the Rev H. Cochrane but we are not certain yet. If so, it is a splendid joke. You must see Mr Belanger, he always speaks of you & has been a good friend of ours since we knew him they are both very kind people, he & Mrs. B. I trust to hear from you at great length per winter packet. Remember us to Betsy & my dear little nephews & nieces. Nancy desires to hear the same, kiss each for us the aff/ [sic] little monkeys do the same to Kate if she is with you. She must send us a piece of the wedding cake or I shall never forgive her. If she had come with us she might have had a good chance to spoon with a young clerk that is with us this winter – a Mr. Beatty. I shall now close hoping you are all well & doing well & again with kindest love from us all to each & all of you, I remain, yr aff brother C Adams

PS Nancy is sending a little parcel to your address – dear John all can’t be remembered in some shape tho don’t think less – it is care Mr.-Mrs B Yrs aff CA

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| A - 193 | June 13, 1876 | Collection Notice | Bain & Blanchard | City (Winnipeg) | TruthwaiteThos. Jr., St. Andrews | Claim for $62.25. |

“Thos Truthwaite Jr. St Andrews – a claim against you amounting to $62.25 has been placed in our hands for collection by Thos Taylor. A prompt settlement is requested”

[how does JN figure in this?]

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| A - 194 | 1876[must be 1878 election] | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Capt. Milburn of England son-in-law of Sir Hugh Allans. |

‘My dear Norquay

This will introduce to you my friend Captn Milburn, of England, he is a son in law of Sir Hugh Allan’s, and desirous of seeing your great country & get some shooting you are just the man to give him the desired information please to introduce him to our mutual friend Hon Jas McKay and any other [attention] in your power.

Have we not done good work on the [17th] [surpl] the d—m grits out of sight. Ryan & Luxton have done nobly in giving Sir John Marquette & it is a splendid thing for Manitoba. You must now defeat Donald A. on the 26 & all will be right. Yours very truly W. H. Ogilvie”

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| A - 195 | Dec. 19, 1876 | Letter | Brown, N. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Several questions asked relative to a mare re: a charge made by Mr. Fawcett. |

Asks two questions, asks for answers “distinctly: First, was the charge which was brought against me by the Revd M Fawcett three years since and signed by yourself in reference to the mare I sold you of your own seeking and instigation or did it originate with Mr Fawcett, was he (F) the instigator.

Second: Have you at any time desired that I should refund you $100, on said mare or do you now desire it, or would you accept of it, if it was offered you.”

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| A - 196 | Dec. 15, 1876 | Promissory Note | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | [Unknown] | Note to sign. [Unsigned] |

Note, says cover sheet, for JN to sign to the order of Gerrie & Co for $59.20 due three months hence at the Merchants Bank here. [see below]

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| A - 197 | Dec. 15, 1876 | Letter | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing statement of account and also note for signature as they are settling up all accounts. |
| A - 199 | Dec. 1, 1876 | Bill | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. |

[Gerrie does dry goods furniture, carpets, and house furnishings]

Hon John Norquay City

Dear Sir: Enclosed please find statement of account and also note for signature which please sign and return at your earliest convenience as we are settling up all accounts this month.

#199 is Attached: the bill is dated 1 Dec 1876

Oct 3 – 1 jacket 2.50

Oct 14 – 2 horse blanket |@ 2.00 = 4.00

1 overcoat – 15.00

6 shirts @60 = 3.60

1 [Jawming?] Mill = 22.00

17 Nov 1 pr overshoes = 1.75

7 Dec Blse in dress (Mrs. N) = .90

9 Dec 1 prs 4 pt Blankets (Mrs. N) = 6.00

13 Dec To D Goods = 12.25 = 68.00

2 Nov by 32 Bush Oats Cr @ 40 = 12.80

Balance $58.20

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| A - 198 | Feb. 19, 1879 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. | City (Winnipeg) | Moylan, J.G., Ottawa | Introducing John Norquay. |

Manitoba Club stationery incl envelope:

“My dear Mr Moylan This will introduce you to Hon Mr Norquay our Premier. You will find him a good fellow and a genuine type of our Native element. Treat him well – Sincerely yrs S.L Bedson”

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| A - 200 | Aug. 30, 1877 | Letter | James, W. J., Registrar | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Understand he is acting for Chas. Adams and wishing information relative to a lot of land at High Bluff. |

“Dear sir

I understand that you are acting here on behalf of Mr Chas Adams and I therefore wd feel obliged if you would kindly afford me the following information – Mr Dalzell bought a lot of land at High Bluff from Joseph Halcrow. This lot has a mtge registered agst it in favour of Mr Chas Adams. Mr A Spence who holds a power of attorney for Halcrow says the mtge has been lifted but there is no release in the books here. Wherefore Mr. Dalzell wd be glad to know whether there is any, or if any what circumstance there is on the lot in favour of Mr Adams. If you would reply at your earliest convenience you will oblige me greatly. Kindest regards to Mrs Norquay & self. Yours sincerely W J James

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| A - 201 | Nov. 15, 1876 | Extract | Kennedy, W.N. RegistrarLandTitlesOffice | City (Winnipeg) | [Unknown] | Mortgage $16.00.00. Hon. Dr. O'Donnell to Arch. Tache dated 1st April 1875. Registered 1st April 1875. |

Extract, handwritten, from Registry Book in Land Titles Office, made by Kennedy:

“Mortgage $1600. Hon Dr. O’Donnell to Arch. Taché Dated 1 April 1875, Registered 1 April 1875.”

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**R Rupertsland to JN, Christmas 1876: bill and report card Thomas Norquay**

Tuition, books and library fee - $20.16

Report: “First in 1st Class,” “Excellent” conduct; “Very satisfied” in Diligence and Progress; 96 per cent in marks at end of term exams, and First class in each of English, Arithmetic, Vocal Music, and Religious Instruction, but Second class in Writing.

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| A - 203 | April 17, 1876 | Letter | Taylor, Herbert C. | Poplar Point, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating it is difficult to comply with the Homestead Act and asking Mr. N. to ask Mr. Codd if it would be possible to put scrip on it. |

“Dear Sir

I take the liberty of asking you to do me a favour if you can possible do it. The favour is this my brother David and I have got Homesteads back of Chisholm’s Store and we find that it is hard to comp[l]y with the law as it is necessary that we should live the whole year on it; if you would kindly ask Mr Codd if it would be possible to put scrip on it or not and if not could we buy it for cash. Please ask the questions but don’t mention our names till you find out if it is possible.

We are all quite well at present hoping will find you & your family all enjoying the same blessing. The people are just commencing to farm up here. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. I remain yours faithfully Herbert C. Taylor”

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| A - 204 | Nov. 16, 1876 | Letter | Tache, Alexandre Antonin, Archbishop of St. Boniface | St. Boniface, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking that John MacDougall be retained as Clerk of the House. |

Dear Sir:

Allow me to take the liberty of recommending to your indulgence­ John McDougall. He assures me that he is determined to do better in his office. So, if possible, do maintain him as Clerk of the Court. In so doing you will oblige a friend. Yours faithfully, Alex: Arch: of St Boniface O.M.I.”

A-205 **Sun Mutual Life Insurance Co to JN, 29 April 1876**

Premium on policy falls due on 2 May -- $43.25

A-206 **Memo, 10 June 1876, Monies received by Mr. N. on acc of salary as per Statement of Alex Begg,**

From 10 July 1874 to 8 June 1875 -- $688.00

A-207 **John Norquay to John Norquay 12 July 1876 from Little Saskatchewan**

We’re well, I’m “busey building a good bridge on the old crossing” and should harvest a good crop of oats – I heard word that James McKay is going to “run the mail up in this part of the country” – “put in a good word for me as to the stopping place in this part of the country…”

“We are well and in want of nothing as to the way of food and clothing hoping this will find you and yours in the same enjoyment but O by the by I forgot to tell you that we got a little daughter since we came to this place. Closing out with our best wishes to you and yours, I remain yours truly John Norquay.”

A-208 **Hebron Moar, Manitoba Village, to JN 26 Dec 1876**

“Surely a little fun will not hurt you. The adopted child and mother at Swan Creek are all well – there’s something hear [here] which takes much more like the adopted Father – do you know a man at Portage H Jaquest and his wife Wapoos – she has a son and says its not belonging to Jaquest – well I think you must of bing [been?] on the filde [field] at Dahkota hunting as then you are over shadowed [Sir] [him] --- She is out here but we are not upon the ground as yet – I will send word to Setter to find out the father of the poor boy – or might find it out by the mother yet. I heard that Schultz sold all my lumber but never recived an answer from him yet – he must know he is the right land – Please send all the enclosed papers back – and let me know your charge for the truble – I might be going in next spring – also send the coming receipt – I enclose eighty cts over the amount which will come in fine for you when passing the [skirdaqurafon dars Trusting of getting an answer I am, Yours truly Hebron Moar”

**G 8696 A - 209 (a) July 1, 1876 Promissory Note Brown, C.P.** "

City (Winnipeg)

" Norquay, John "Signed by John Norquay to the order of C.P. Brown.

" **G 8696 A - 209 (b) Sept. 4, 1876 Protest Ontario Bank City (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Non-payment of same.**

G 8696 A - 210 **Sept. 11 1876 Letter Setter, Jas. J. Portage la Prairie, Man. "Norquay, John – Neestaw** [Brother-in-Law]" "Condoling with Mr. N. over the loss of his baby and informing him that a young Setter has arrived."

My Dear Neestaw Yours of the 4th inst was recd I am sorry to learn that you have lost that sweet little baby I am sure that poor Betsy must feel lowly as you state. I suppose that you have heard that we had a little son it was born when I was down, so you may take Betsy “down a peg” for her pills were after all not the thing I thought they were as they must have been just a month too late to have done any good in the way I supposed I would have inserted a notice in the papers only I wanted to keep Christy in suspense for a while, we can’t get on with harvest, so much rain, yours J J Setter My son was born on the 1st of August

G 8696 A - 211 **April 25, 1876 Promissory Note Clarke & McClure** "

City (Winnipeg) " Norquay, John

Signed by John Norquay. Cancelled note for $105.48. Norquay signed on 25 April 1876, to receive $105.48 at the Merchants Bank with interest at 12% pa until paid.

G 8696 A - 212 (a) **July 20, 1876 Promissory Note "Harris, A., Son & Co.**

" "City (Winnipeg) " "Setter, John, and Norquay, John" Signed by John Norquay. $47.50. Promise to pay $47.50 with interest of 10% pa until paid.

G8696 A - 212 (b) **July 26, 1877 Promissory Note "Harris, A., Son & Co.**

" " City (Winnipeg) " Norquay, John Cancelled note. $87.50. promise on or before 1 Jan 1878 sum of $87.50 with interest at 7% pa

G 8696 A - 213 **Jan. 28, 1876 Receipt Mair, C.** [No Location] Norquay, John Statement of account. JN owes $2.41 from 1871, 1873

G 8696 A - 214 **March 27, 1876 Receipt Benson, Jas.** City (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Statement of account. JN owes $21 for horsefeed (“One horse, two feeds” on many days between 31 May/1875, 7-8 June, 11 June, 14 June, etc thru’ March 1876

G 8696 A - 215 **April 1877 Receipt Bertrand, A.H. City** (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Statement of account. JN paid $41.26

G 8696 A - 216 **Oct. 1, 1876 Receipt Manitoba Carriage and**

**Sleigh Factory** City (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Statement of account. Charged $36.75 on 1 July, paid $15 on account 28 August, owes $11.75

G 8696 A - 217 **Feb. 15, 1876 Receipt Brown, C.P.** City (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Statement of account. Bought of C P Brown, 4 boys capots, 14 yds tweed, 2 velveteen, 4 damask, 2 pair shoes, 1 ladies jacket, 11 Dress Goods – total $48.19

G 8696 A - 218 **Nov. 1, 1876 Receipt Higgins and Young** City (Winnipeg) Norquay, John Statement of account. Sept-Oct purchased boots and groceries for $11.26

G 8696 A – 219 **1 May 1879 Norquay to Luxton,** city: re public bldgs, govt house etc:

Cover letter “My dear Luxton, On a consideration of the matter with Mr. Royal and Walker we think it best to withhold all information of the contents of the dispatch till the meeting of the House except what may be deemed necessary by the federal government themselves so please only mention that the dispatch in answer to the Delegates from Manitoba has been received. Members will have a perfect right to censure the Govt if the Public forestall them in the possession of the information that was promised them on receipt of papers, Yours etc J Norquay

Scrawled across this page at the bottom: “Now don’t you think this is a d-----d shame to have me lose such an effect as the enclosed, in parl’t? WL”

Attached in smaller pages, **numbered pages 8-12**, handwritten, rough notes with many scratch-outs: [Could this be Luxton’s draft of an article, sent in advance to JN? Or from notes while talking to jN]

“In part public buildings – Parliament buildings, Lieut-Governor’s residence, lunatic asylum and hospital, and a certain share of drainage. In all of the former the Dominion Government promise, next session, to put amounts in their own estimates; and the latter – the share of drainage which should be chargeable to crown lands – they claim will be in a large measure met by the drainage incident to railroad construction. [8]

Legislation is promised that shall open to settlement the school lands of the Province as rapidly as they shall have assumed their approximate maximum value, and the interest resulting from the sales, will be at once made available for the purposes of education in this Province. [9]

To obtain an intelligent knowledge of, and preferably to influence, the government railway policy, in so far as it would affect the Province was one of the major reasons for the government’s adjournment of the Legislature and proceeding to Ottawa. In this respect the delegation’s mission was by no means fruitless. Their views were received, and a policy determined upon, which it is expected, for the present at least, will entirely relieve the Province of responsibility. **[\*\*\* Note these statements\*\*\*]**

Certain other minor matters have been dealt with, including the relief seed and provisions. In repayment wheat, oats and barley will be received at $1.20 per bushel. Pork will be charged at $25 per barrel, and flour at $4 per hundred.

Enough has been discovered[?] to secure for Mr. Norquay’s government, from all except possibly a few of “Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition,”[end of p 11] the Local Legislature, congratulations upon the measure of success which has attended their effort, and to draw forth an almost universal admission that the “trip to Ottawa” was well taken.” [– no more pages]

G8696 A220 **JN to JAM, 21 March 1879**, written from outside the House of Commons,

“My dear Sir John, Not having heard from you I would like to have a few minutes conversation with you if you can spare the time. Yours, J Norquay Will wait in lobby for reply” [and the envelope is addressed to Sir John A Macdonald, Minister of the Interior] [-- I wonder, since this is an original, if it was ever sent or was it merely drafted and remained in JN files?]

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| A - 221 | March 5, 1879 | Letter | Kirby, J.F. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Constituency. |

“Dear Sir [on Queen’s Hotel, Toronto stationery] [no year on letter, but added later on cover sheet, so it could be another year]

After reading reports of Sir John’s speech of last evening I wired Sir John and took the liberty also to wire you to put in a word for “Mohawk” provided you are not yourself in the field. If you are I retire as gracefully as possible for me to do.

Now cousin don’t let there be any backwash between us. If you are an applicant to fill the bill I retire, knowing your superior knowledge of the country and its requirements. On second thought I don’t know but even if you are not prepared to go in for yourself, you may have a friend in your eye. I asked Alex Morris this morning & he said he was not one for himself or for anyone and advised me to wire you. And I took the liberty to do.

Now is the coast is clear Sir John knows whether my legal training is good or bad as it was under the late chancellor Vankoughnet.

As it told you, I love my people & feel I would be willing to devote a life to their advancement and stand between them & those who would wrong them. A line from you will oblige

Yours truly J. F. Kirby

G 8696 A - 222 **April 29, 1879 Letter Norquay, John (Winnipeg) to Macdonald, Sir John A.** Copy of *draft* of letter re: assistance given to Free Press. 2 pp. “Strictly private”

My dear Sir John I feel that it is necessary I should explain matters which may have prejudiced the success of my late mission to Ottawa in the interests of Manitoba. First then I know that Schultz and Ryan are both personally unfriendly to me although they ostensibly assisted in putting our Manitoba matters in as favourable a light as possible. I know also that they both resent the action of the Local Govt in patronizing the Free Press by awarding the Local Govt printing to it. Now last autumn etc [check – I’ve already seen this?]

“Not being in a position financially to redeem our pledges we had to do the next best thing under the circumstances & stretch a point in the award of the Govt printing. We regret as much as anybody else that Luxton should be so imbued with his Grit notions as to persist in cavilling at the policy of the Federal Govt and the more so as the inference is that he is the exponent of the views of the Local Govt which is really not the case. As a Local Govt I may add our policy has always been to be very reticent on federal questions devoting our time & attention purely to the development of our own institutions. I feel very keenly the position we are placed in & any remedial action at this date would only place matters in a worse position until they are settled. I may add that there are no firmer supporters of the present federal Govt than the members of the Local Govt of Manitoba & sincerely hope that no ulterior action of any persons will interfere with the good understanding arrived at by Manitoba delegates & Committee of Privy Council on the various subjects brought to their notice. I remain, yours very respectfully, J Norquay

The request for $10,000 is based on….

[This must be a draft, given the strike outs and **the incomplete last thought** – the cover page original says ‘answered 30 April 1879”]

G 8697 A - 223 **May 22, 1879 Letter Macdonald, Sir John Ottawa, Ont. To Norquay, John Re: Free Press**. [Index says ‘8 pp.’: not correct]

“My dear Norquay I got yours of the 29th ulto. Neither Schultz nor Ryan expressed any hostility or dislike to the Local Government of Manitoba. They however feel a good deal the support that is given to the Free Press. I think as we have backed you here that you ought to help us and do what you can for the new Conservative paper. You may perhaps not be able to drop Luxton at once; but you should do so by degrees. I shall see after the official memorandum to be sent, if it has not been sent; but I fancy that it has ere this reached you. In haste, Yrs faithfully, John A Macdonald

G 8697 A - 224 **July 31, 1879 Letter Burgess, A.W. Ottawa, Ont.**

**To Norquay, John Pay as translators.**

I’ve been busy for a month getting ready for Sir John Macdonald’s departure for England. I’ve inquired about prices of translation here from English into French – sessional translators are paid $5 per diem for the session. Other work averages $1 and $1.25 per page. Salaries for permanent staff of the H of C vary from $1000 to $2400, for chief translator.

The Report of the Royal Commission re Provencher “has never been printed or laid before Parliament and is therefore not a public document or to be got at. Nobody ever seems to have had the curiosity, or, if they had the curiosity, they must have lacked the courage, to call for that interesting paper. Until somebody does call for it, and the call is acceded to by the Government, it is clearly impossible for anybody to furnish you with a copy of it, except by the direct order of the Minister.

I regretted much to see that circumstances compelled the formation of a purely English speaking Government in Manitoba. I quite understand that no other resource was left to you, and that the ambition of one man, which no reasonable concession would seem to satisfy, resulted in the exclusion of the whole French race from having any share in the administration of Provincial affairs. I can scarcely imagine that his arrangement will be a permanent one, and hope before very long to see you have a respectable French speaking public man in your Cabinet.”

I read FP and Times every day. I regret that “it had been found ‘expedient,’ as the resolution in that behalf put it, to break the printing contract with our mutual friend Luxton. I know nothing of this but regret breaking a bond of obligation….”

Mrs Burgess and I send respects to Mrs. Norquay and the members of your family.

G 8697 A - 225 **Dec. 4, 1879 Letter Macdonald, Sir John A. Ottawa, Ont. To Norquay, John**  re: Manitoba Telegraph Company.

JAM says: ‘My dear Norquay: I have yours of the 28th ulto. about the Manitoba Telegraph Coy. I shall call the attention of Sir Charles Tupper, in whose Department such matters rest, to your letter. I have no doubt that the new Company will receive fair play at his hands. Yours faithfully, John A Macdonald

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| A - 226 | April 18, 1879 | Letter | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Appointment an Indian Comm. in the N.W. |

“My dear Norquay

I have yours of the 10th inst. The subject of appointing an Indian Commission in the North West under consideration, but will probably not be settled until the hurry of the session is over. I shall keep your letter as a memorandum. Yours faithfully, John A Macdonald

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| A - 227 (a) | Jan. 21, 1880 | Letter | Martin, James | High Bluff | Spence, Mr. | His being refused certificate to teach. |

Martin writes Spence, asking him to write Norquay “and tell him that I have been refused a certificate on the ground that there was copying going on, which could not be otherwise on account of the position in which we were seated. Tell him the manner in which I have conducted the school and how the trustees and people are satisfied also the position I shall be in unless I am permitted to teach, I being a complete stranger in the country not having a blood relative in it, and my wife ill etc.” …

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| A - 227 (b) | May 22, 1876 | Mortgage | Gov't. of Canada |  | Miller, Elizabeth | Relief from destitution caused by grass hopper plague to be repaid by 1 year. |

Eliz Miller mortgaged her land in the parish of St. Paul and promises to repay Her Majesty the Queen by 22 May 1877 the cost of supplies, namely 2 bags flour @ 3.00 = $6.00

40 pounds pork @ .134 = 5.20

10 bush barley @1.35 = 13.50

Total $24.70

**With this file is an envelope which, in handwriting: “Papers referring to Mrs. Millers’ lot St Pauls” A 227 [see below], and the following pieces of paper:**

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| A - 227 (c) | March 19, 1874 | Memo Flyer | Dominion Lands Office | City (Winnipeg) |  | Re: Claims for patents in settlement belt. |

This is a printed flyer explaining the process by which to lay a claim for a patent in the Settlement Belt (name, occupation, parish in which the land lies, width of lot, how long occupied, description of improvements, certified copies of deeds, assignments or other papers.

On the back, a handwritten notation: “7 chs [chains] Lot No 150 HB Co West side

“4 chs Lot no 151 HBCo West side

“5 chs pt of Lot No 577 HB Co East side

And an envelope, scribbling on back, re: ‘Mortgage from Seed Wheat – re Elizabeth Miller” and some numbers which could presumably be calculations on bldg size, and more numbers which could perhaps be bushels or some such thing [see below].

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| A - 227 (d) | Sept. 16, 1875 [guess?] | Receipt | Unknown |  | Miller, John | Re: Wheat destroyed. |

“Received from John Miller 7 bushels of wheat on account of the wheat destroyed in the mill by his brother Joseph Miller & Samuel Black

“4 bushels to Joseph Tait for the windows

“1 bushel also to Joseph Tait for the rearrangement of elevators and Slope [?] of Bolt

“1 bushel to John Tait on account of oil & barley

“13 bushels in all which valued at 5/per bushel make the run of 3 pounds 5 hard by then [?]

“John Tait” [his signature]

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| A - 227 (e) | Feb. 12, 1844 | Bill of Sale | Guiboche, Marcel | Fort Garry,  Red River Settlement | Miller, Robert | Sale of land - Lot No. 150. |

Page of notepaper, rough, dated and handwritten, from Red River 1844: “These are to certify that I the undersigned have sold to Robert Millar seven chains of the lot No. 150 held by my late father, Louis Guiboche, since the year 1825, for the consideration of thirty five pounds, part in money, part in cattle & part in other articles the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged & for which I have made over to the said Robert Millar the said lot No 150.

“Witnesses Duncan Finlayson George Setter” [signatures]

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| A - 227 (f) | [No Date] | Note |  | Re land sales |  | Re: Land sales. |

Small scrap of paper, bold handwriting, but still very informal in appearance:

“7 from Guiboche 4 from J Garrioch = 11

“2 from G Garrioch 3 from Joh Garrioch = 5

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“south side H Pritchard North – G Sandison

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| A - 227 (g) | [No Date] | Note | Garrioch, John | [No Location] | Miller, Robert | Flour and cash received for "Land across the River". |

Another scrap of paper, very precise handwriting:

“ John Garrioch recd from Robt Miller for land across the river:

“flour” – sums add up to 591 lbs plus, calculated at a total value of 12 pounds, 9 shillings, 11 ½ pence, plus some bushels of wheat and barley and malt worth perhaps 1 pound.

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| A - 227 (h) | Dec. 30, 1861 | Letter | Garrioch, Gavin | La Prairie | Miller, Robert | Re: Transfer of property. |

Re transfer of property: addressed to Robert Millar Image Plain R. River Settlement

“Laprairie 30 December 1861

My dear sir I do hereby certify to you that I do henceforth relinquish all claim to the piece of land (formerly occupied by me) situated in the opposite side of Orkney cottage, viz, on the East side of the River, above the Image Plain. You are therefore at perfect liberty to make application at the proper quarter for a transfer of my former title to the said lot of land to yours. Yours respectfully, Gavin H. Garrioch”

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| A - 227 | [No Date] | Envelope | [No Name] [see above | Note at 227b |  | Re: Mrs. Miller's lot St. Paul. |
| - | Aug. 12, 1876 | Power of Attorney | Miller, Elizabeth | St. Andrews | Norquay, John | Re: Scrip. |

This is an official form, “Power of Attorney to Draw Scrip” and seems to make sense of all the above A227 documents:

“…I Elizabeth Miller of the Parish of St Andrews in the county of Lisgar” do name “the Honble John Norquay’ to be my Attorney”,… to apply for Scrip to which I am entitled to receive as a Halfbreed Head of a family” sgd: 12 August 1876 X [her mark], and signed by J Norquay, JP

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| A - 228 | Sept. 15, 1879 | Letter | Perrault, C.O. Vice Consulat de France | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing his friend and brother-in-law  Mr. Henry Tiffin. |

Introduces my brother in law Henry Tiffin, who leaves [Mtl] today for a visit to MB. He is “one of our leading merchants”

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| A - 229 | Sept. 3, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Bismark [sic] | Norquay, John | Friendly and private note. |

[Flowing hand, lots of spelling errors: From Bismarck, hasn’t heard from Mr Begg – would JN write to the Postmaster General?]

“Hon John Norquay My dear sir

“I was sorry that you could not get of [off] with me on that trip you would have had a plesent trip a good deal of sport along the Road Duck shuting by some gentleman at one Laek the cars Remaind about a half hower great shutting was carried on But very little killed. Bismark is a small town to Winipeg all surrounded by hills it is a very pretty place and the people fraindly I am quite at home and in good health…

I believe it will take the Boat twelve or fifteen days to get up the water is Reported low Yours truly John Setter”

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| A - 230 | Nov. 19, 1879 | Letter | Setter, Colin | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Telling Mr. N. he has a lot of good wood up there and  asking to be employed to cut it. |

“Dear John

As you are got a good wood lot up here and lots of money all the time going to waste in it would you not hire me to cut a couple hundred cords or so if you will do so I will cut it very reasonable and draw it to a safe place on the bank of the river where you can either sale to the boat or craft it down in the spring there is money in it if you only try it I shall do it very cheap

The elections is very quiet just now the opposite party is going to make things fly around I believe wishing you good luck in your own election I remain

Your Nestaw, Colin C. Setter

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| A - 231 | Aug. 29, 1879 | Letter | Schultz, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Introducing G.W. Girdlestone. |

Letterhead: “Office of John Schultz Manitoba”

“My dear Mr. Norquay Allow this to introduce G. W. Girdleston… seeks information re legislation affecting insurance… Yours [frelly – truly? ] John Schultz

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| A - 232 | Nov. 19, 1879 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill Registrar | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to be present at his first meeting of the Electors. |

Have yours of 18th inst – ‘I would like to have you here at my first meeting would appoint it for any night convenient for you I am sure you would be well received and the Electors pleased to hear you….” Will be in Wpg on Saturday. Hope to see you.“I will go direct to the Government Offices from the train.”

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| A - 233 | Sept. 30, 1879 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Begg & Exhibit & friendly letter. |

“Dear Norquay….

Met Begg, “ ‘poor beggar’ tired out he fell asleep in his chair while talking to me. He & Kolland were up every mg [morning] till Two & up again at six. The Assn didn’t help them left them to get on as they could. Both said the crowd was frightful several times they had to close the doors & then let them out as they could at last they had to get the police to regulate the crowd & Manitoba Dept was the only one crowded…The GG & Princess were twice in and exd [examined] everything thoroughly expressed their pleasure….

Begg left for London on Monday, will be there “with his show” until 6:00 Wed. evening, then pack up and during the night go to Hamilton, unpack, and open the next morning at 9:00 am, then pack and return to Toronto to open Monday. Begg then goes to Ottawa and, after that, he would like to take ten days to himself “& he hopes you can manage to do without him but if your Elections are near at hand & you want him telegraph & he will ‘lay on MacDuff’ & not stay till he reaches the land of promise….”

He is worn out, too tired to write, so “he knew you would accept it from me”

“I think Manitoba should give some recognition to Begg & Kolland they have had the interest of your province at heart what a darned fizzle the show at Ottawa was …” much smaller receipts than Toronto….”

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| A - 234 | Dec. 29, 1879 | Letter[private] | Setter, John J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | A banquet to be given to the Gov't. |

“Dear Neestaw

I am sorry to see that the Times has made such a sweep of the Province in spite your united opposition. The friends [of] no party lines of West Marquette will shortly give a Banquet to the government at the Portage. Delegates from the different localities will be present, partly to cram the Times & partly to drive another nail in ---------‘s coffin [sic]

Of course the members will be invited when they will be obliged to fall in every one of them if they should be otherwise included we had thought of giving it to Mr Walker but one consideration thought that it would be out of place for this division to banquet a member from another division, it might in some measure embarrass him, so we thought that the others to all the govt by the friends of no party lines would strengthen the hands of the govt, make a liar of the Times & kill [Joe? Ind?] if possible deader, what do you think of the move? I have been sick again & have had not much to do but scheme. The idea has taken here like everything & we can get up a grand affair, but it will be some time before it can be accomplished as all parts of the County will be communicated with. If you approve with – your obt servant John J Setter a Merry Christmas to all”

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| A - 235 | Dec. 2, 1879 | Letter | Thomson, James | Quays, [South Ronaldshay] Orkney | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N.'s influence on behalf of his son who is shortly coming out to this country and other family matters. |

“My dear sir

I duly recd your very kind letter of Sept 29th in which you mention the death of two Orcadians, the end of Mr. John Tait was a very sad and melancholy one, after having spent such a long and useful life….I have made some enquiry about him but so far as I can ascertain he did not belong to our isle, he must have come from some part of the “Mainland or ‘Pomona” Was also very sorry to hear of the early death of Miss Lizzie Bannatyne which I saw noticed about the same time in the ‘Edinburgh Scotsman,’ I knew her grandfather but does not recollect her Father, he and the Family I understand left our Island very soon after his father’s death and Mr B went out early in the H.B. Co.’s service. Your reference to the Kennedies is very interesting to me having gone to school in 1829 or 1830 with William, George, Roderick and their nephew Alexr Isbister, who has been long known a very distinguished & successful London educationist, but as my acquaintance terminated with them nearly half a century ago & as I was then only 9 or 10 years of age I fear their recollection of me cannot be very distinct. Capt Kennedy was last in Orkney in the spring of 1851 when about taking charge of the expedition in search of Franklin, & I think he came over here to see his cousin Mr. John B. Allan of Berwick but as I happened to be at a marriage party that evening I missed seeing my former schoolmate, he had two elder brothers named John & Alexr down here getting their education also, but that was before my day. I may now mention that my only daughter was married to William, eldest surviving son of Mr J.B. Allan the Captain’s cousin, in June last. I now enclose a note for Capt K which you will kindly please send to his address as I presume from your letter he is still an inhabitant of this lower world.

I would now take the liberty of mentioning the matter of my son James proceeding to Manitoba, which I have already indicated. ….[Knowing no one in Manitoba] I have thought of using the liberty of soliciting your influence in so far that on his arrival at Winnipeg you might kindly aid him in getting him in some situation as Clerk in a Bank, Insurance, or Mercantile office, he can only expect something subordinate to begin with but from the way he has been trained and his strict attention to business if spared in health he would soon rise….” And what time of year should he come? And should he get a “through ticket on arrival in America? …. Yours very faithfully, James Thomson

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| A - 236 | Dec. 14, 1879 | Letter | Favell, Joe Jr. | Victoria, Sask. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to send him some garden seeds. |

Hon J. Norquay Dear Sir [lined, one page, slightly awkward uncertain handwriting]

I now take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am quite well @ present thank the Lord for his goodness wishing you all the same I aught to be very thankfull to you for being able to set down and write as I do whereas if I had been brought out here when a child on this part of the world I soppose I would be seting along side of somebody telling him what to write as I see lots of men do out here

I have no strange news to tell you I soppose although you are so far away from here you here the news of this country as soon as we do seeing the mail runs weekly you may say and the telegraph hourly or dayly may it not insult your honour for what I am now attempting to ask frome you I would like if you would be so kind as send me a few garden seeds it is hard to get them here I can get some out here but they are old and damaged Some of them don’t grow So I will close wishing that these few lines may reache you and be accepted by you seeing it is the first time I am writing to you may you be so kind as answer Your Most OBT S Joe Favell Junr

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| A - 237 | Oct. 8, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Fort Benton, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Friendly note. |

My dear sir

Still at Benton in good helth had a long trip over Stuff is not all in from Cow Iseland as yet but expect to leave by next Monday and I understand the trip will be from eight to ten days….I hope you will wright me as soon as possible as I have not had word from you or my family.

I had the plasure of seen two soildiers hung on Munday at half past eleven for murder This murder was commited last December I cant say wether this murder was a sitision [citizen?] or one of their selves Their Lawes are very strict here take it all in all the place is quiet and seem all fraindly. I have seen here the other day one of the offishers from Fort Walsh I had a conversation with him gives the tribes of Indians out ther all peasible Wright [write] and let me know about your allection [election]

My best wishes to your family and your self and acquentences with kind regards John Setter

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| A - 238 | Oct. 6, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W. W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Written on arrival at home after returning from the North  West treating entirely of his trip. |

My dear Norquay

I arrived home all right, and look back with great pleasure on my trip to the North West – both the first and second trips, I found all well at home, and business very good. I am very bussy [sic] trying to make up for lost time. Your old friends were all inquiring for you, our trip having been chronicled in our newspapers and Smith had toald [told] all about Ogilvie’s crossing, and I have been teased a good deal about it, it makes a good story, and I do not object to it.

Your province is attracting a good deal of attention, and I am repeatedly asked for opinions about it, and you may imagine the description I give of it, after my recent very pleasant trip with you.

… give my regards to my Winnipeg friends and beleave me, Yours very truly, W.W. Ogilvie

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| A - 239 | Sept. 10, 1879 | Letter | Mulholland, Jno. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Order to give Mr. Wm. Sutherland 50 lb. of bacon or $5.00 in money. |

Hon Jno Norquay

Please give Mr. Wm Sutherland the sum of five dollars or fifty lbs of smoked bacon and charge ac of Yours respectfully Jno Mulholland per L W Mulholland

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| A - 240 | Nov. 15, 1879 | Letter | Beattie, D.P. | Montreal Que. | Norquay, John | Enclosed: duplicate receipt signed by A.G.B. Bannatyne, received from W.F. Alloway $450.00 for minor claims in parish of St. F-X, 11 June 1878.  Asking the opinion of Mr. N. as to some land purchased. |

Formal stationery, enclosing 1-page sheet handwritten re “some land purchased” [cover sheet]

My dear Mr. Norquay

“I hope you will pardon the liberty I am now taking in asking your good opinion of the value of the enclosed land scrip. I do not wish to sell it as I purchased it for my boys. Mr. Alloway informs me this part of your country has not yet been allotted. Trusting you will pardon this liberty…”

Handwritten page: “Copy: “Received from W.F. Alloway for D.P. Beattie of Montreal the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars in full for three minor claims in the parish of St Francois Xavier which I agree to deliver in good deed when the allotment of the said parish is made by the Govt

Signed A.G.B. Bannatyne, Winnipeg June 11th 1878”

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| A - 241 | Nov. 8, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for the kindness to his Mother. |

“My dear friend

I received your letter the other day am sorry to here that my mother being unwell and I do thank you and Mrs. Norquay for your kindness to my mother hoping that she will get strong

Monday if well I start down to the Lower end of the mountain for the winter the Police is got a station their I expect the sorvayers [surveyors] their this winter Mr Dewdney is very kind to me very kind to the Indians and has great pations [patience] with them about 2000 Indians going and coming scinse [Since] I arived here the Soltox [Saulteaux] and Crees and Indian halfbreeds are by Indians at the present time

Mr Dewdney is of [off] to Canada will not be back until the end of Febaruary I have been intarpeter for him since I came here,

Private[:] he told me privately that he interested to do something for me but what it is I can say This is a poor country all I have seen of it as yet but they seem to say that at the foot of the mountain and toward to the Wood Mountain is good land Wright me again Complements to all Yours truly John Setter

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| A - 242 | May 26, 1879 | Letter | Rykert, J.C. | St. Catherines, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. W. Heeney. |

Lawyer Rykert introduces W. Heeney, “a young man of sterling worth”…

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| A - 243 | July 18, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Greig and his brother who are going to start a stock farm in this province. |

Introducing two Greig brothers of Toronto who are interested in starting a stock farm. Greetings to Mrs. Norquay and your children. Mrs. O and the boys “never were better.”

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| A - 244 | July 7, 1879 | Letter | Brokovski, E. | Lakehurst, Oakville | Norquay, John | Political and friendly matters. |

“Dear Norquay

At last it has fallen to your lot to fire the anti-French mine and made a successful blast of it. I can assure you that I watched with interest the various telegraphic reports which arrived from my old province during your late struggle.” I was worried about Taylor’s election in Headingly – Tait has always been opposed to him, and Tait bitterly opposed “the incoming of what he termed ‘foreigners’ and am glad he has got the hoist on this account as well as from the fact that Taylor has always been a main personal friend of mine.”

I would like to be appointed Commissioner for Manitoba in exhibitions if possible.

Also many land taxes are not paid by ON holders of wild land and I could do that.

I’ve sent some emigrants to MB from ON and England.

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| A - 245 | Sept. 18, 1879 | Letter | Ryan, Joseph | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | He will oppose Mr. Walker in Westbourne. |

“Dear Sir,

After hearing your explanations when here on your way West, I told you that I would not oppose Mr. Walker in Westbourne.

Yesterday I learned to my surprise that a prominent Grit of this place had received a letter from Mr. Luxton urging Mr. Walker’s election because he was in sympathy with and would act with Messrs Brown, Ross and Luxton.

I cannot doubt the correctness of the information, and I therefore write to inform you that under the altered circumstances of the case I will feel bound to oppose Mr. Walker. I have not yet been in Westbourne but from information received from there I do not think Mr. Walker will be elected in that division. Yours very truly Joseph Ryan”

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| A - 246 | March 25, 1879 | Letter | Boyd, A. | [The Mount] Barlaston Stoke on Trent | Norquay, John | Congratulations on re-election and advice as to  course to be followed. |

“My dear Norquay

I am very pleased to be able to congratulate you on having attained your re-election. Pretty hard work too and rather too tight a run to be pleasant. I am glad Donald went for you. I had told him in my letter I hoped he would do so, and if I had had your letter sooner I would have urged it more strongly. However from what he said I think he did his best for you, even if late. I see by the papers you are off again to Ottawa. I daresay you will find Sir John a good deal more civil than his predecessor, whom we people of Winnipeg ought never to forgive for treating us as he did in the matter of the railway.

You seem to have more of an opposition this time although Sutherland (Scotchman) has been left at home, still his successor goes against the Government. Who is going to take Nixon’s place? I am afraid Tom Howard is not going to get his Receiver Generalship. I am very sorry for him. What fun you and Royal will have at Ottawa. Give my love to him and ask him if he wants to buy any bulls or horses. Indian payments will be coming on again and I should like to know who is going to be agent or Commissioner. I wish you had got that.

May I give you a word of advice? You know I’ve always done the best I could for you and I should be sorry to see you laid on your back you were not far off it this last election either. Don’t when you come back from the East, go talking that you had a good time, that you thought you might just as well go round and see things at expense of country, etc. etc. except to me. You have got lots of enemies. Your supporters are but a doubtful race, when I say enemies I mean people who would gladly see you come back into the ranks and I know that some of the things you said about your last visit to Ottawa did you no good. I am not referring to Donald but there are such lots of fellows only too glad to catch hold of anything especially your own words.

I don’t think you mind my saying this at least I hope not.

So Komans is off to Blk Hills. I wonder if you have heard anything more of him since he left. What a collapse!! When I think of it seems almost incredible. I don’t intend to come out in time for the ‘navies.’ [?] Civilization is getting too extensive to make it worth while crossing the seas in the stormy time of year. And after the duck shooting is over, I have nothing to do till it is time for travelling west. By the way I hope you will wipe one Chas. Nolin’s foolish amendment to the Game Act last session. I hear your old friend (!) Hay has collapsed. With best wishes and kind regards to old friends, believe me, yours very truly A Boyd”

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| A - 247 | [No Date] | Note | Burrows, Acton | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing a cutting from the newspaper re: political events. |

Clipping that congratulates JN on his tour of constituencies explaining Govt policy and selecting true friends of Govt as candidates. The newspaper clipping (no source given) also attacks the Times of Wpg for being “bitter in its hostility to the local Administration.”

Burrows writes on the page: “How will Tuttle like this. C. Acton Burrows”

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| A - 248 | April 29, 1879 | Letter | Tait, John | Parks Creek | Norquay, John | Enclosing $30.00 - in part payment of account. |

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find the sum of thirty dollars which please place to my credit against the debt I owe to you. The remainder I hope to be abel to pay you shortly I am heartily sorry that I have kept you waiting so long for your money but I realy could not help it

Pleas Sir …Yours truly John Tait” [sic]

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| A - 249 | Feb. 10, 1880 | Letter | McDonald, John | High Bluff | "Big John" [Norquay, John] | Apologizing for getting on a spree. |

“My dear ‘Big John’

It is an old saw that an open confession is good for the soul.

Well I got on a big spree last week at the Portage for two days what I never did in my life before, and as I know that I have a great many enemies politically and otherwise, I expect nothing else than there will be a complaint of the matter made to the Government so in the first place I make a complaint myself. I know that I have gone astray, and have no one to blame.

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I might hae by this time led a market

Or strutted in a bank and clarkit

My cash account.

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But by a’ the powers above I shall never drink mair, my mind is fully made up to that, so that I claim your forgiveness once for all. I never again will ask it for the same reason, but enough of this.

I am glad to see that your Government is so well sustained. I intended going down and would have done so last week only for that cursed spree. And as it is now so near court time I put it until afterwards.

My wife and young ones are all well, hoping that this will find you and yours enjoying the [missing word]

You will observe by the calligraphy of these few lines that I am quite over my bout and sane, Believe me, Yours saint or sinner, Whatever you like to ca’ me, John McDonald

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| A - 250 | March 21, 1879 | Telegram | Norquay, J. [from] | Ottawa | To:Walker, D.M. Attorney-General | Re: Manitoba demands discussed Monday. |

JN’s wire to Walker in Wpg – handwritten copy on Dominion Telegraph form:

“Delegates meet committee of Council on Monday to discuss fully Manitoba demands Ask Captain Kennedy of St Andrews if he authorized Sinclair to draw scrip from Land Office Winnipeg J Norquay”

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| A - 251 | Dec. 29, 1879 | Letter | Burgess, A.M. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Congratulations on election. Asking for confirmation connected with Annual Register & Review. |

“Permit me to congratulate you on your triumph at the general elections. It must be a source of the utmost satisfaction to you to find the Mail and Globe, the chief organs of the two great parties in Federal politics, commending your course in eschewing Federal issues; but still more gratifying …. [to see people of MB distinguishing between spurious patriotism and real issues. Etc…] I enclose you a prospectus of the “Dominion Annual Register and Review” for 1879, to which I am the principal contributor, as writer of the “Political History” of the year, and in the success of which I have a personal interest as being a partner with Morgan in its publication.” [Could you send me a return of the candidates in the election etc, and also subscriptions?]

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| A - 252 | Sept. 10, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Buford [Montana?] [Dakota?] | Norquay, John | Friendly note. |

“My dear sir I am afraid that we will be a long time going up on account of low water I believe that we are only the third of the way to Benton as yet I have nothing particular to wright at present hoping that you will get along all wright with your allection and if there is anything that the boys can assist you don’t hesitate in asking them to assist you in your allections….Compliments you’re your self and family Yours truly John Setter

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| A - 253 | Aug. 27, 1879 | Letter | Leary, George | Nelsonville | Norquay, John | Political matters in that part of the country. |

Dear Sir Revd T. N. Wilson has informed me that in conversation with him you intimated that if required you would visit these divisions (The Dufferins) during the campaign. As a candidate in the Govt interest nothing would suit me better, and the people are anxious to have the ‘situation’ placed before them in a detailed and definite manner. Capt Scott has endeavoured to make me fall into line to meet his views but I object on principle to anything of the kind. Of the candidates in Dufferin North Myself. Conservative and opposed to party lines in the House or Country – Galbraith. Reform. Drawing the line in the Country – D. L. Clink for Scott and the French. And Lachlin Ultra Conservative, in Dufferin South. Mr. Winram same as myself and safe to be returned. James Rawson – Reformer – no party. These three Pembina Mountain Divisions can be easily secured to the present Administration and to support yourself as Premier provided matters can be placed on a proper footing. But – Scott is coming out to work up support and it is advisable that under such circumstances he should meet some of the Cabinet and yourself particularly. D. L. Clink although no speaker has taken up the abuse of your past record and I am safe enough in saying that this will be the line adopted by Scott. I do not pretend to be at all afraid of what Scott can do with my support But there are so many candidates in the field that it seems probable that a few might be run out and the return of Govt men made more certain. Remember that this section of country returned a man with a large majority in opp[osition] to you only a year ago and that with proper manipulation it will be favourable to you this election. I am the party who was chiefly instrumental in returning Stevenson and with proper assistance can work the three divisions this year. If a compromise of some sort could be effected with Galbraith I can sweep everything in Duff North and take Dufferin South with me for certain. But if Galbraith persists in keeping the field then a man will assuredly be returned in Scott’s interest. Kindly mention me to Mrssrs Brown and Walker. Sincerely, Geo Leary

Notation on sheet: “Answered 18th Sept 1879”

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| A - 254 | Oct. 9, 1879 | Letter | Leary, George | Nelsonville | Norquay, John | Political matters wanting to know gov't. platform. |

Mr dear Mr. Norquay Yours recd and in reply I have to state my conviction that if the Govt holds to its present formation three sup[porters] will be returned from S.W. Man. I would like to know the Govt measures at as early a date as possible and before they become common property in order that I may shape my course as nearly as possible to them. But particularly your views on Drainage. This you are aware is an important consideration to this section of the Province and the people will look to me to do considerable towards the drainage of the Boyne & Tobacco Creek Marshes. I would much prefer sinking the country in debt than have it as it is under present circumstances. But a drainage scheme unless it can be immediately put into operation and unless practical in all its bearings will never do out here. What the people want is an appropriation out of the Revenue and to be applied immediately. I will be in town shortly and we will talk over this question at length. Yours very truly Geo Leary

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| A - 255 | Oct. 2, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John James | Portage la Prairie Man | Neestaw - [Brother-in-Law - Norquay, John] | Stating he must act as Bailiff in connection with his office until he can have his own Bailiff and asking if the Clerk of the Court cannot procure an office in the town as he has to go 5 miles to see if there is any business every day. |

Dear Neestaw In reply to yours, for the present I must accept the position of Bailiff in connection with my office until the land is such that I can have my own Bailiff or deputy. I only had my CC act a day or two when James borrowed it & am as badly of[f] as ever. been on the keen run lately. Can the Clerk not be accommodated with an office in town. It is too bad to have to run down every day 5 miles just to see if there is any work [?plerd] I moved up for the Public accommodation & at my own expense. Surely something can be in this case. Keestaw, J J Setter PS I shall see what I can do in the matter you refer to in your letter, but think it useless on my part.”

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| A - 258 | Aug. 4, 1879 | Letter | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in- Law; Norquay, John] | Enclosing account for voters list and also for that of  Returning Officer and asking Mr. N. to accept order for same Viz $55.30. |

“Dear Neestaw

I enclose a/cs for voters list & also for that of Returning Officer. I have sent an order on you for fifty five 30/100 which please accept at once as I made that amt for Bannatyne which I keep & give an order instead & would not want him to wait as I have no right to keep it….We are all well. Keestaw, J J Setter

PS I enclose Bannister’s a/c for revising the lists to suit the different polling stations, it was a big job to abstract the names from three seprate [sic] lists & make three other lists from JJS

I forgot to certify the poll books

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| A - 259 | Aug. 7, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Campbell of Chicago. |

My dear Norquay This will introduce to you my particular friend Mr J. B. Campbell of Chicago and formerly of Montreal… [he visits to see the country] and likewise with a view of making some investments…. another favour conferred upon your old friend. Yours very truly W W Ogilvie

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| A - 260 | Aug. 26, 1879 | Notice of meeting | Grisdale, John St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the College Council. |

Form letter with inserted handwriting at blanks: St J College Council will meet Wed 3 Sept at 3:00. Immediately after a meeting of the Mission Board, and then of the Executive Committee

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| A - 261 | July 27, 1879 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas | City (Winnipeg) | Father [Norquay, John] | Friendly matters. |

“My dear Father You will be astonished to know that I wrote this letter in your office. I only found Mr Secretan on the 25 and we are camped at the little Mountain we are running a branch line from the Stoney Mountain to Winnipeg the swamps ar terrible deep as soon as we finish this line we are going west 100 miles or sow I have now [no]comb so I will take yours from your dressing case I came in this morning with Mr Secretan. I have not seen Mr Murdok yet he is not out with us I opend the can of corned beef and had a lunch when I came in this morning.

Mr Secretan is a very fine man.

I am quite well and hope this will find you all the same way give my love to Mamma and all the children

Your affectionate son Thomas Norquay

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| A - 262 | May 7, 1879 | Letter | Ede, David | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for payment of stone re: child Adams deceased. |

Dear Sir The head stone you ordered of me for deceased child of Charles Adams is completed. If you could let me have the money for it this week I will be much obliged as I have a large amount of money to raise.”

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| A - 263 | June 24, 1879 | Letter | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in- Law; Norquay, John] | Congratulations on political policy. |

Dear Neestaw

I was expecting to have gone down before this but I find that I cannot do so; otherwise I should have written to you by now to congratulate you on your master stroke of diplomacy. Not many men would have had the decision that you have exhibited in the in your [sic] late peculiar situation. One may read the Canadian history in vain for a parallel in fact, only one instance in English History presents its equal. I refer to Cromwell, only with this difference. That C had a fanatical soldiery at his back, & you have a ----- English following.

Go on old boy you are equal to it, but it must be a tremendous wear & tear. The little Dr got the shirt but it was too small for him all except the sleaves [sic] which are 3 or 4 inches too long. Maurice & C.B. are both doing well in school they are now with grow up pupils, & Maurice says that he is bound to beat them before another year is past. I hope that the country will return all the old members at the next Genl election so as to show the French Beggers, [sic] that it approves of their course about that ‘Round Robin.’ Say can you tell me what kind d-----d fool of an editor we have? Mr Times will have to live here longer to find out that others know something as well as himself. He must think that he has but to give a stroke of his pen to bring all Manitoba to his feet. But he must purge his Rag of some at least of his contradictions and – well what is the use. I am ashamed of it, but I hope it will improve. If not, the Cons Party will be d---d in this province.

Best regards to Betsy & the children. Ann is well. Keestaw, J J Setter

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| A - 264 | [No Date] | Memorandum | Schultz, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Memorandum re: Tuttle. |

Pencil scrawl on front of small, empty envelope: “My dear Mr Norquay: I was going over to the office but too many here. I trust that Mr Tuttle will get the opportunity he wants as I fully believe his Ottawa friends Sir John especially will like to see With best wishes Yours kindly John Schultz”

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| A - 265 | Jan. 16, 1879 | Letter | Grisdale, John St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of St. John's College Council. |

Notice of meeting of St J College Council on Friday 31 Jan at 2:00, and of Board of Governors of St J College Ladies’ School at 4:00 – important business, “you are specially requested to be present.” [handwritten, on letterhead – v. pretty

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| A - 266 | April 17, 1879 | Receipt | Haslan and Wilson | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $3.00. |

Oats 136 lbs = 4 bush@75 = $3.00

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| A - 267 | March 1, 1879 | Receipt | Kinsey, D.C. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $33.69. |

1876 Acct = $67.17, pd by registd letter $40, balance 27.17. Interest Jan 1878 and 1879 @12% = $3.26 plus 3.26 = 33.69

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| A - 268 | Dec. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Trott, S.W. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $2.00. |

Chemist and Druggist 7 and 27 Oct – 1 box each of Hypophos = $2.00

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A-269 1 Nov 1878 Account H S Donaldson and Bro Wpg. To John Norquay

Owes $40.98 bill from 1Sept 1878

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| A - 270 | Nov. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. & Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $40.96. Paid $20.00. |

1 Sep Books Stationery Jewellery – to acct rendered $40.98 for “1 Geography .50 Fourth Reader .50, and Grammar .25 = 41.08

Paid cash $20.00 Owes 8 Sept 1879 $21.08

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| A - 271 | May 23, 1879 | Receipt | Ede, David | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $25.00. Paid $15.00. |

Monuments – for Chas Adams deceased child May Pd. $15 on acct 23 May 1879

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| A - 272 | Sept. 10, 1879 | Receipt | Dawson Brothers | Montreal, Que. | Treasurer of Manitoba [Norquay, John] | Account for review $2.50.  (Morgan's Annual Register) Sent on order of author. |

Pd $2.50 for 1 copy of *Dominion Annual Register 1879* “in accordance with orders given us by the author”

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| A - 273 | July 31, 1879 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $45.30. Paid $20.00. |

Lumber co –a/c rend $37.65 plus 31 July 1700 lath $7.65 = $45.30

Paid 24 July by cash $20.00 owes 25.30.

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| A - 274 | Nov. 29, 1879 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.30. Paid. |

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| A - 275 | Oct. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. To amount of account rendered $6.50. |

Bill originally incurred 15 Sept 1878 for 1 window and various mower parts = $6.50

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| A - 276 (a) | Sept. 30, 1879 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $25.30. |
| A - 276 (b) | Oct. 2, 1879 | Promissory Note | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Unsigned promissory note, for same. |

$25.30 bill with promissory note 2 Oct guaranteeing payment in one month, plus interest, to Merchants Bank

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| A - 277 | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Dodd and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $9.00. |

Boots – 2 pr, plus soleing Gentleman’s = $9.00

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| A - 278 | 1879 | Receipt | St. John's College Ladies School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, Miss B. | To account rendered $6.47. |

Miss B Norquay Mid-term acct: School material 3.22 ; Music .75 ; etc == $6.47

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| A - 279 | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. and Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $31.28. |

Bugle .75; ball 1.75; 3 books 2.75; 1 bible .85; 1 prayer book .85; 1 set blocks 1.50 3 mouth organs 3.00; 1 pistol & caps .25 = $31.28

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| A - 280 | May 1, 1879 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. and Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $39.83. Paid $20.00. |

23 Dec Christmas goods $18.20; 1 set violin strings & bridge .65 plus previous 40.98 = 59.83

Pd cash 20.00 leaves 39.83 to be paid on 1 May 1879.

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| G 8697 | A - 281 | Sept. 24, 1879 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $1.25. |

Drugstore, etc: mint, liniment and 1 prescription - $1.25

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| G 8697 | A - 282 | May 3, 1879 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $66.00. |

Clothier and dry goods: October/78: Ladies Ulster $10.00; “Astracan coat $40.00;

Seal cap $16.00

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| G 8697 | A - 283 | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $2.75. |

Liniment, pills, powder = $2.75

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| G 8697 | A - 284 | May 1, 1879 | Receipt | Bawlf, N. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $33.19. |

Flour, feed: Bran, chop feed, bags feed = $33.19

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| G 8697 | A - 285 | July 1, 1879 | Receipt | Alexander and Bryce | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $24.10. Purchased by Miss Norquay. |

For Miss Norquay: lace, cotton embroidery, spools, hose and sunshade ($7.00): $24.10

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| G 8697 | A - 286 | Aug. 12, 1879 | Telegram | Norquay, John & Schultz, John | City (Winnipeg) | Aikins, J.C., Sec. Of State, Ottawa | Recommending J. Setter for Indian Agency. |

Copy of wire, handwritten on form of North Western Telegraph Company: to J C Aikins Secy of State: “No native of Manitoba apptd strongly recommend John Setter Indian Instructor Edmonton Agency Stewart wishes it may we assure him of apptmt

Coll J Norquay John Schultz

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| G 8697 | A - 287 | Jan. 21, 1879 | Receipt | Per C Muloin | Winnipeg | Norquay, John | "Government of Manitoba" debtor, 45 yards of carpet. |

“21 January 1879 Gouvernement of Manitoba Winnipeg 22nd Feb

L’Hon J. Norquay 45 yvs [yds?] of carpet 12 yvs kept [left?]

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| G 8697 | A - 288 | Nov. 6, 1875 | Notice | Wood, E.B.; C.J. McKeagney, J.C. Betournay, L. | City (Winnipeg) |  | Table of Fees payable to Justices …. In the Province of Manitoba (printed). Court of Q.B. |

Printed for, Court of Queen’s Bench, Michaelmas term, 39 Victoria, 6Nov 1875

To Justices, in Summary Trials: (12 fees named)Warrant, summons .50 copy of .10

Eg: For making up record of conviction 1.00

Constables, in both summary trials and indictable offences

Executing every warrant to arrest besides mileage: 1.00

Conveying and delivering prisoner to gaoler, besides mileage: 1.00

Witnesses: half day 1.00 etc.

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| G 8697 | A - 289 | 1879 | Memo | [N.A.] | [No Location] |  | List of machinery, costs, and suppliers. |

Handwritten but anonymous page of good paper: Price of water turbine wheel, Owen Sound $300, plus 3½ foot stone $150, gearing about $140

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| G 8697 | A - 290 | March 31, 1879 | Receipt (Pd) | Gouin, James A. | Russell House Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account of expenses at the above hotel $100.58. Paid. |

22 days board $67.50

Sundries 13.75

Washing 3.25

Telegrams 16.08 = 100.58

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| G 8697 | A - 291 (a) | Dec. 15, 1879 | Letter | Spence, Andrew Secretary Treasurer | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking for payment. |
| G 8697 | A - 291 (b) | [No Date] | Tax Notice | Spence, Andrew Secretary Treasurer | High Bluff | Adams, Charles | To amount of taxes due by Chas. Adams. |

“With reference to the enclosed Adams Act, I beg to request you to return to me with the least unnecessary delay…”

“Taxes for High Bluff school Charles Adams 1878: 6.25 1879: 4.06

Balance due $10.31

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| G 8697 | A - 292 | Jan. 24, 1879 | Bill | Wellband, William | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.50. |

Boot & Shoe: “23 Dec 1878 2 pr Ladies felt boots @ 2 = $4;

2 pr ladies felt shoes @ 75 = 1.50 Total = 5.50

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| G 8697 | A - 293 | Aug 26, 1879 | Bill | Thompson, J. | St. Paul's Parish | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $1.07. |

Groceries: $1.07 balance on a/c

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| G 8697 | A - 294 | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Stobart, Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $3.30. |

6 dec 4 hose @45 = 1.80; 13 Dec: 1 pr gloves 1.00 $3.30

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| G 8697 | A - 295 (a) | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $90.50. |

Tailors: acct $57.50 Cr by cash July 30 = $27.50

July: Asfm Blue Serge Sac Coat Vest & Trous = $25.00

Asfm Brown Devon OCoaat lined with Angora SB Fly VC = $38.00

Total: $90.50

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| G 8697 | A - 295 (b) | Jan. 1, 1880 | Letter | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing son as Rep. of Firm. |

“Dear Sir As it is almost impossible for either myself or Brother to leave Business at this season of the year We beg to advise you that my son Bernard Saunders jr will represent the Firm. He thoroughly understands the business and will have with him a large assortment of patterns for our customers to select from. The goods are the latest styles….”

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| G 8697 | A - 296 | May 1, 1879 | Receipt | Pearson, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Sutherland, William R. | To amount of account rendered $12.00. |
| G 8697 | A - 297 | Nov. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Robson and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $9.00. |

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| G 8697 | A - 298 | April 1879 | Receipt | Notman, William | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $11.50. |
| G 8697 | A - 299 | Aug. 1879 | Receipt | Notman, William | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $8.00. |

“William Notman Photographer to the Queen”

7 May 1878 6 cp of self $350 Colouring 1 of ditto 5.00 pd 24 June 5.00 = 3.50

4 April 1879 6 cabs of self 8.00 = 11.50

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| G 8697 | A - 300 | Nov. 1, 1879 | Receipt | McLenaghen, J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $13.55. |

Dry goods, clothing: 3 pcs print = 4.95; 15 yds edging = .30; 6 spools = .30

1 linen costume = 8.00 Total = $13.55

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| G 8697 | A - 301 | Jan. 6, 1879 | Receipt | Thomas, Lusted [Manitoba Carriage and Sleigh Factory] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $16.55. |

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| G 8697 | A - 302 | Dec. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Lyster, James | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $13.50. |

1 coat = 10.00; 1 boys coat = 3.50 = 13.50

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| G 8697 | A - 303 | Aug. 30, 1879 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $71.38. |
| G 8697 | A - 304 | Dec. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $15.85. |

July-Aug account $40.00 pd on account

Keg syrup, ham flour, tea, baking powder, box of soap, bacon etc = 71.38

Nov – flour, 2 bots whiskey @ 80 – 1.60; 1 box cigars – 2.50 = 15.85

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| G 8697 | A - 305 | Dec. 31, 1879 | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $42.79. |

Amt due from 31 August $42.79

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| G 8697 | A - 306 | July 31, 1879 | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $73.49. |

31 May amt due $24.00, plus 9on 2 July) roofing paint, 100 whitehead ‘feu’, 5 gals boiled oil, 5 gals raw oil, 5 gals coal oil, 1 10-gal oil can and 1 5-gal oil can, and more oil on 21 July as well as 1 gl turpentine and 1 lb black paint – total $73.49

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| G 8697 | A - 307 | July 31, 1879 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $40.00. |

5 June champagne $36.00 plus 3 July corned beef and honey

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| G 8697 | A - 308 | Jan. 20, 1879 | Tax Notice | Drummond, J.A.K. Secretary Treasurer | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking for $6.25 taxes due on Charles Adams lot. |

1877 unpaid tax on Chas Adams for High Bluff school 1.87 plus 4.38 for 1878

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| G 8697 | A - 309 | May 13, 1879 | School Tax Notice | Gerrond, Wm. Secretary Treasurer | High Bluff, Man. | Adams, Charles | Amount of school taxes $4.06. |

Assessment on Adams land $815 – taxes 4.06

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| G 8697 | A - 310 | Jan. 14, 1879 | Receipt | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Adams, George | Receipt for $180 - to be deposited at Merchants' Bank. |

JN note, as receipt, saying ‘received from George Adams, High Bluff, by the hands of John McDonald for deposit in Merchants Bank Wpg $80 in cash and $100 in cheque

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| G 8697 | A - 311 | Sept. 11, 1882 | Tax Assessment Notice | Assessor | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of assessment. |

City notice to Honble John Norquay Occupation Premier 205/8 Blk 2 HBCo

value of lot: $10,000 No. 1161

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| G 8697 | A - 312 | Aug. 8, 1879 | Letter | Gibbs, William | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he will accept the office of J.P. and stating he hears of no opposition being offered to Mr. N. |

Dear Sir: In reference [sic] to the conversation I had with you in your office re appointment of Justice of Peace, after consulting with my neighbours I beg to say that if you like you can place my name in the Gazette and I will qualify as a Justice for this place. We are all well pleased with the building of a lock up here. I hear of no opposition being offered to you here am buzzing in your favour at every opportunity. Wm Gibbs

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| G 8697 | A - 313 | May 16, 1879 | Letter | Brannin, P.J. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for payment of a small account Viz $1.35. Letter marked paid. |

Small account due some time $1.35, “…beg your immediate attention to the matter …”

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| G 8697 | A - 314 | Feb. 29, 1879 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. Warden, Penitentiary | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating Weir says he paid Jack Allan $150.00 and Allan said he only paid him $85.00 and that the matter is now in the hands of Biggs & Wood. |

“My dear Norquay Yesterday a man named ‘Weir’ came to Winnipeg for the purpose of placing in a lawyer’s hands the matter of our friend Jack Allan for moneys paid him for ties cut on the R.R. he states having pd Jack $150 & the money fought the way out of Jack’s pocket. Mr. Jack in his election contest stated, I think, having only recd about $85.00 you will know. The matter is now in Walker & Biggs’ hands. Now the people will see him in his true light. I really drop this to let you know. Sincerely yrs. S.L. Bedson

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| G 8697 | A - 315 | March 8, 1879 | Letter | Norquay, Bella | Park's Creek | Papa [Norquay, John] | Private note. |

My dear papa I write you these few lines to let you know that mamma is sick again were all quite well she had not recovered yet from her sickness I hope that you are quite well the concert passed off well the people say I was to late I came down when the people were going away if you see any pretty notes please buy sum for me I want to work them at school with burlen wool or silk Tom is going to write to tell you abut the house & his work him and John N was just as glad that Mamma did not go for she has been sick all the time that you were off and Andrew says that he is glad he dident go because Mamma did not go so now as I have no more news I must close with kind love we all pray for you to return safe we got your letter I expect one next week so now with love and kisses from all of us I must say good by Your loving Daughter Bella

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| G 8697 | A - 316 | Feb. 13, 1879 | Letter | Galbraith, Julius F. | Nelsonville | Norquay, John | Recommending Mr. Wightman for the position of Registrar should the Govt. open an office there. |

Dear Sir: I learn that C V Helliwell seeks signatures for petition re apptmt of Registrar if Registry office opened here. No – “he was dismissed the position of school assessor; besides, he has already received more favor from Govt. than might be expected from his political (local) bias. Last time I was in town you were kind enough to assure me that Govt appreciated my humble efforts in this Division, and on the strength of this assurance I make bold to suggest Mr. J. C. Wightman…” who has public sympathy, he “having unfortunately lost one arm.”

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| G 8697 | A - 317 | Aug. 1879 | Letter | Matheson, Samuel, Rev'd. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Recommending Mr. Geo. Black as Registrar for Provencher. |

Dear Mr Norquay George Black of Mapleton wished me to recommend him to you for the office of Registrar in Provencher. Mr. Bedson also requested me to see you or write you on the subject. He said he wd take it as a personal favor to himself, if you would give the appointment to Black. I suppose you are besieged with applications. I understand you had a very successful raid on the Dominion. I trust you enjoyed yourself fully. When shall we see you? Not I suppose until you come to some meeting. I am, yours faithfully, Saml P Matheson

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| G 8697 | A - 318 | June 5, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter from Mr. N. friendly and political. |

My dear Norquay Your very welcome letter duly to hand. When in Ottawa some time ago I tried to see Sir John but he was ill and confined to the house, but I saw Bowell & Pope and had a long confidential chat with them about what you had written me. They did not know anything about it but will not forget to make good use of what I told them when the time comes. What have you been doing with your Government? I cannot get at the cause from the newspapers but I apprehend you have gone for my friends the French Canadians at a lively rate. I have heard you highly complimented here for your stand & action in the matter but I am too much in with the French to express an opinion but know you will come out of it all right.

Our people are all very well, our boys often speak of you & are not likely to forget you. We are having beautiful weather, and all is in blossom and looking well at Rosemount [the house]. I hope your province will have a good crop this year. So many newcomers will require it. I am glad to learn that most of them are so very well satisfied with the country. They are writing back very favourably. Hope [?] is very proud of being a landowner in your great country and often speaks of it, no end of friends want to go to Manitoba with me this summer, but business will not permit me to leave this summer as times are very bad with us and few men can be trusted with large amounts such as our transactions. Give my kindest regards to all my Manitoba friends & best wishes to yourself Yours very truly W W Ogilvie

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| G 8697 | A - 319 | June 10, 1879 | Meeting Notice | Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting on June 19, 1879. |

Mtg re settlement of Masonic difficulties, perfect terms of agreement…

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| G 8697 | A - 320 | 1879 | Advertisement Handbill | Burrows, Acton Deputy Minister of Agriculture | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | North Western Canada: a practical guide to Manitoba and the North-West Territories, his book on the North West. |

Ad for *North Western Canada: A Practical Guide to Manitoba and the North-West Territories* ads will be received at $50 per page

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| G 8697 | A - 321 | March 1, 1879 | Letter | Kennedy, Capt. William | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | How the Dom. have used this Prov. and using it. Urging Mr. N. to be firm in his demand for "better terms" for Manitoba. |

“My Dear Norquay, I wrote you the other day by a private hand to Winnipeg but I write again today in case my first letter may not reach you & to repeat that you cannot too strongly insist on ‘better terms’ – terms that will not only put us on a par with other Provinces but give to us its inhabitants that place among others which we have a right to have that is in the matter of holding public offices. The Dominion has assumed the right to have the whole dictation in these matters & so long as we allow her to take this position she will continue to impose on us the political scum of other Provinces, thus acting towards us exactly in the way that England acted towards her colonies till her colonists were driven to take up arms against her. Insist on it that we have Fort Wm & York Factory as ports of our own. We have a right to these as we made them what they are. Rather than give these up refer the matter to the arbitration of other British Provinces say of Newfoundland & British Columbia. Let us have the management of our own public lands. A subsidy that shall be commensurate with the crying wrongs the Domn has done us in her cooping us Territorially, Financially, Judicially, Aboriginally, Commercially, Politically, Socially & Morally. In having ‘bought’ us when the article purchased was as Bogus as the Stock of the Glasgow Bank. In short insist on having terms equal to that of the blustering Ontario & let them know at Ottawa that we have given more to the Dominion than ten Ontarios.

The Indian problem is one of the most important with which the Dominion has to deal. It is veritably to make a spoon or spoil a horn & already it is as plain as mid day sun that the horn is to be spoilt for he (the Indian) is no longer an element of progress as he was before but a mere parasite of civilization & just because so far those have been placed over him (I of course except Mr. Inspector McColl the only man that I have yet known to take an interest in the red man) that class of men who have no sympathy with him & would rather have his treaty dollars than see them used for the Indian’s true elevation. That day is certainly coming when the Saskatchewan will again be desolated with a smallpox but this time it will be smallpox the virus of which comes from the Dominion. These are some of the greater evils that the Dominion has done so now for the minor ones. It gave to the perjured swindler Dr. Schultz the means of buying his way to political power, as one result of this one of his nominees gets into the Land Office in Winnipeg & forthwith Scrip passes out of the proper hands & the man who steals them goes scot free perhaps only to await a still better opportunity for doing the same in a better field. It is to the disgrace of the Dominion that such men should have thus the opportunity to multiply themselves; when such me have the right to nominate those to important positions that are birds of a similar feather with themselves is it any wonder that England should at this moment have two “Sick Men” on her hands? that in the west being the more inexcusable because being not yet four decades old is already paying interest with borrowed capital though it has the half of a continent to plan its pranks on & where there is neither a Russia nor a Germany to Bulldoze her from time to time. The last mail brings the intelligence that the Honorable W.R. Bown is now a commissioner along with one of the McArthurs to inquire into the McKenzie delinquencies. What are we to expect from the man that the other day was so conveniently on hand to act as the Administrator of the Gordon Gordon estate of the value of 37 ½ cents? Two Commissioners no lest must preside over this important business. Does not this look as if one Commissioner was set to watch over the other? I have an expectation that from looking after the Nixon business these Commissioners will next be appointed to inquire into the land office swindles. Scant justice may then be expected but I will give up writing on this strain as it is fairly sickening to know that we have to sit under such a state of rotten things.

Will you do me the kindness to find out Captn C.W. Allen who was lately land agent in Winnipeg & acted as such for me. He has all the particulars about the lots I have for sale. A Mr. Henry Loken of 38 Rideau Street, Ottawa, has written to me wishing to buy some Half Breed Grants in the Railway reserve to the east of this. I will write to Mr. Allen myself but I ask this of you in case my letter does not reach him. I will also write to Mr. Loken himself but it would be so much better to have a man on the spot & such is Capt Allen to interest himself in this matter. Please say to Captn Allan that I will address my letter to him to the Post Office.

While you are down would it not be well for you to ascertain if there is such a thing working successfully as a Farmers portable flour mill – a mill that would grind us good common flour & thus make the Farmer independent of the exaction made on him for grinding his wheat – a matter that takes from one third to one fourth of his entire crop & which if continued will ever keep his nose to the grindstone.

I hear that Mrs. Norquay continues mending & that the rest of the family are well. The Concert will come off on Friday next which will be a heavy day for all engaged in it. It is to wind up with a Ball at Jack Allan’s to which Mrs. K & the girls are invited. Thus the wheel keeps turning round but meanwhile times seem harder than ever. Hoping you are enjoying yourself & that you will come back well & with good terms, I remain, very truly yrs, Wm Kennedy”

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| G 8697 | A - 322 | Jan. 10, 1879 | Meeting Notice | A.F. & A.M. Grand Lodge of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of the fourth Annual Communication. |

Notice of the “Fourth Annual Communication” to be held on 12 Feb at 1:00 at Masonic Hall

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| G 8697 | A - 323 | Oct. 15, 1879 | Letter | Sweeney, C. Secretary's Office Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating if Mr. N. pays his dues his name will again be placed upon the list of members. |

Hon J. Norquay &c &c Dear Sir In reply to your note of yesterday I am instructed by the Committee to say that upon pqyment of your overdue Subscriptions, say $12.50, and the Current half years dues, $12.50, in all $25, your name will be again placed upon the list of members.”

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| G 8697 | A - 324 | Aug. 15, 1879 | Letter | Thomas, Adams | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Boyish letter to his uncle Mr. N. |

“My dear uncle I received your letter and was glad to get it. I am quite well and I hope you are the same and all the others, the Ducks is pretty thick up here the people is done making hay and are reaping their wheat and barley and oats. Tell John George I am killing bots of Ducks up here, uncle Joseph and I went for Dick Joes little horse he was in a mans park he was very bad to drive home he wouldent come with us so we had to drive him a part of the way

I seen a boy up here with a big belly he is only as tall as Horace I gess his belly is biger than mine he is very stumpy he is about ten or eleven years old he is a funny fellow when I go past his house he wants me to stay a while and have a chat with him one time he told me to sleep at his house he said he would give me bread and tea for to eat. And drink he said he would only charge me 25cts for sleeping there I dident want to for I was at a place where I dident half to pay for my meals.

This is the last sheat of paper I have please send me some more I am not writeing to any of my Cousins or Auntie for I have no more paper I have no more new just now. I remain, your affectionate nephew Thomas Adams

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| G 8697 | A - 325 | Oct. 11, 1879 | Letter | Begg, Alexander | Montreal | Norquay, John | A supper given him - Remarks he made - what papers said and etc. |

Encloses Toronto Mail account of dinner tendered him “I hope you are pleased with what I said…spoke for over half an hour and have got over my nervousness which is a big thing. There were 42 sat down to table and it was magnificently got up. I was truly astonished. There were some of the most influential men at the table not a small man there. I did not ignore the tenant farmers from England but said we wanted them although probably some would settle in Ontario. I spoke stronger than the Mail give it for the half breeds Still the mail report is a very fair one. The Globe’s report is not. I have made many friends in Ontario for you Manitoba and myself and when I explain on my return all my movements I hope you will feel satisfied with me. I start on my way home tomorrow and have to call at Ottawa Toronto Hamilton & London an hour or so in each place to collect my diplomas medals & prizes I don’t want to return without them. Your giving me the opportunity of doing credit to myself on this occasion only adds another to the many acts of goodness I am indebted to you for. I have always given you the credit & have not sought for notoriety but the papers would insist on naming me…”

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| G 8697 | A - 326 | Sept. 10, 1879 | Letter | Blaiklock, George | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to speak for an appt. to the Minister of Customs on his behalf as he hears The Minister will shortly be in town. |

I hear Min of Customs “will be in your city this week…” if there are openings, please put in a word for me

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| G 8697 | A - 327 | Dec. 9, 1879 | Letter | Swinford, H. Secretary Treasurer Winnipeg Transportation Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. they have in their warehouse a bag of Barley for him which the Customs will offer for sale. |

We have a bag of barley in our warehouse for you I see the Customs have advertised it for sale – probably you may forget it as you are busy with the election and take this means of reminding you

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| G 8697 | A - 328 | Nov. 1, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Private family and friendly note. |

I again take the opertunity in wrighting to you I have not had word from you or any of my family since I left Winnipeg I am quite at home here I am living in town at present I will not be further than four or five miles from town the nearest end of the resarve I will for the present build a temporary house to live in for the winter and Mr English will be about seven miles from me his place is at the upper end of the Siperis Mountain

This is a great place for Indians This is their rout to the Bufflo from what I can learn from the Indians that the Bufflo is only two days from here between here and the Wood Mountain They expect that the Bufflo will travel north But with all the tribs it will be hard for the Bufflo to get past but I was advising them not to run them across the line for fear that they might travel south, I cannot give you any information of the country here as yet as I had no time to rabit around as yet There is a few whit settlers here that came in this fawl to settle down and give it a trial The winter is here is very mild as yet. But they seem to say that the next month is cold and stormy that is all the information I can give you at present hoping that your allection will run you in with a larger majority and it will be a credit to our country friends give them all my best respects hoping that your head supporters will stick firm and work your allection

My best respect to Mrs Norquay Yourself and family hopeing that you will get allacted Yours truly John Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 329 | Nov. 6, 1879 | Letter | Doty, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to post him $2.25 re: freight to date Steamer Victoria. |

Re freight “Victoria” – Doty is owed $ 2.25

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| G 8697 | A - 330 | Dec. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $28.50. |

Owes $28.50 – tailor, dry goods

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| G 8697 | A - 331 | [No Date] | Letter | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he can do anything for his friend Mr. Halden. |

“My dear Norquay: Can you do anything for my friend Halden who came in here from the Old Country when I arrived he is I believe a good [poor?] man & a very respectable person. Yours truly

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| G 8697 | A - 332 | Sept. 25, 1879 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Friendly Letter. |

“Dear Norquay Your overcoat has gone c/o Rensellar he will collect charges ….Your garment is one of the best … you or anyone else ever saw & one of the finest pieces of stuff ever made. You can’t help but like it.

Well Manitoba, your products is the excitement of the day, when Begg arrived I w met him & at the Queens met Sheriff Powell of Ottawa, the “ ‘old’ Carlton Beauty.’ I introduced Begg and Powell said “such a show will be worth 5000$ to the exhibition” and results prove it….Begg was to send me some samples the darned kuss hasn’t either sent them or written me. He kept me up all night on arrival. He got here 11:30 pm & left at seven am & I couldn’t get him drunk but I made him smoke pretty lively, cant you fatten him up does he [odd sketch, possible phallic] too much? If he does he will get a rest down here, I don’t know whether he will dare stray away in Fair’s [?] home at Ottawa

The sending of your products should be your best card at the Elections it will show the great interest you & your colleagues show in the advancement and settlement of your province & if you cant win your elections on that your constitutents are the most ungrateful kusses ever met with & don’t desire a decent dram of whiskey. I send you press every week and I send it to the Club send me one of your papers when there is any Election news in them.

We gave the Princess a Royal Reception the darned City got on a regular drunk on Review day & kept it up till the ‘wee small hours.’ There was a big call for lager next day. See DeWinton’s letter in today’s Mail thanking Toronto - & the Princess says it is the place of Canada Montreal is getting worse & worse every day if its shipping went it would be nothing. Their wholesale trade is used up many of the Houses are still moving up to Toronto, the Grain is coming in well but most are holding for better prices. We expect a great rush of stuff in next October. Last night was our first heavy frost[.] in Ottawa they had it a week ago. Kind regards to Mrs. Norquay Yours truly Bernard Saunders Toronto

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| G 8697 | A - 333 (a) | Oct. 23, 1879 | Letter | Adams, C[harles] | The Pas, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in-law, Norquay, John] | Private & friendly. |

Pas Oct 23 ’79 12.30 a.m.

Dear Neestaw I can only drop a line. Thanks for your kindness to our poor children. Got yours all right by Mr. Belanger. Sorry to hear of poor Elizabeth – but hope she will got on all right ere this. Glad to say we are all right and & well at this place. I fear it is too true about poor Mrs. Trivett we hear from Cumb[erlan]d per Miss Merchant [?] to Mrs. Cochran that she, Mrs. T, died in childbirth – both died – 5 days suffering – Mrs. Cowley will be sorry to hear this – should you see Archdn Cowley you may mention this & also that my worst fears are realized expanding state of affairs at this place – Messrs Russell & Smith turned up this evening down Carrot River & send by them. Hope to see you next summer (D.V.) & with much love, Your affte Ristaw [Kistaw?] C. Adams

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| G 8697 | A - 333 (b) | June 8, 1878 | Letter | Adams, H.C. | Pas Post | Uncle [Norquay, John] | Private & friendly. |

My dear Uncle I am glad to say that we are all quite well and I hope that you are the same Mr. Clemons is going off tomorrow to red river. One day I went to a creek and I was looking at boys swimming and all at ownce two boys commenced to throw mud at each other and all at ownce a man came running down with a paddle and gave me two blows and broke the paddle on my arm and my arm was swollen very much. Papa is going to Cumberland on the 25th of June. Baby is crolling a bout fast but She cant sit up yet and when we say where is Uncle she looks at your likeness. I had a little fox. Papa told me to go and put it out in the plain where I saw a silver fox and when we let it go we thought it wouold run of but it didend it only ran of a little pace and we turned to go home an when we wanted to go in the skiff who was this but the fox at our heels so we brought back the fox and we took him out to the plain again and we left him a way there and we came back and the next day the little fox came back and a boy took him and the dogs killed him. We all send our best love to you all I remain Yrs

affectionate nephew H C Adams

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| G 8697 | A - 334 | Dec. 22, 1879 | Letter | Setter, Colin C. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Wood. |

Dear Norquay As we did not have a right chance to talk to each other that night about our bargin about the wood I thought that I would write you a few lines about it and that is to ask you if you thought that we could get the wood taken down by the boat on a barge if so there would be danger of loosing any thing may be you could do that with them better than I could If you think we can manage that please write by return mail and I will be very glad

I was out to the old Shanty and got it fixed up and tomorrow I will have the men at work in ernest wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

I remain yours etc Colin C. Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 335 | Nov. 21, 1879 | Letter | Swinford, H.S, Secretary Winnipeg and Western Transportation Co. Ltd. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing letter addressed to Jno Elliott stating it was opened by a man working for him. |

Returning a letter properly destined for someone else, opened by mistake -- it contains a draft.

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| G 8697 | A - 336 | Dec. 27, 1879 | Letter | Swinford, H.H.[father] | Guelph | Norquay, John | Congratulations on election, etc. |

My dear sir You may not have quite forgotten your co=excursionist in St. George’s Picnic to Lake Winnipeg last July, and I am tempted by the newx I have just received in the ‘Free Press’ of the grand victory you have achieved in your late election, to tender you my warm congratulations on your success and the Province in sustaining so loyal a leader. I naturally take a deep interest in Manitoba where all my boys have made their homes, and trust they will evince as much patriotism to their adopted country as their Father has endeavored to show to his, Ontario.

I somewhat regret I could not induce Mrs. Swinford to look with the same favorable eyes upon the Farm you mentioned to me situated on the beautiful banks of the Red River, and while I cannot at present see my way clear in making my home among our sons, I shall ever take a great interest in the present and future welfare of your Prairie Province. [one son is Herbert]

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| G 8697 | A - 337 | [No Date] | Letter | Norquay, John | [No Location] | Biggs, [S.C.] | Copy of a letter to Biggs asking him to defer suing him until after the Session. |

Handwritten note from JN, described in the cover sheet as a “copy”

“My dear Biggs I want you to defer suing me till after the session in conformity with one of our acts -- J Norquay”

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| G 8697 | A - 338 | July 10, 1879 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Merely a friendly note on various subjects. |

Your Hon Sir i sit down with Plume to drop you a few lines to let you no that i am yet in the land of the livin and enjoyin good helt thanks god hoping that this few lines will find you and your family enjoying the same blessing i was down there a year ago and was very sorry that i cood not see you So i thought i would sit down and drope you tis few lines to so you that i have not forget old frands yet tho hily [?highly?] getting up in life and Hon i feel Proudness every tim i take the Free Press and see how your getting along and can give it to the cockeys [?] in the nose and my self i am at work for T C Power and brother as clerk at the Rat of $60 dolars per month and Bord and making a few dolars on the outside Becide i send down this spring to Winipage and ordered a thousand dalers wirth of goods for my self and have the [??] of saling [selling] them [ ??] for myself and i have an eight hors teem on the Rowt [route] bitwen hear and Fort Benton[.] i have 30 hed of horses and some money in the Bank Beside what i sent to Winipage so you might see i have not lost much time since i left you last althow i had very hard luck at first but thank god it has changed now i would of sent for som more goods but i was afraid to as the Buffalo are all left this part of this country and more Indians than the Pepell can feed

i think that the government will have a hard time feeding there indins this coming winter and not only indins but all the Pepell that makes their living by hunting My master is going to the Steats [US] in a few days and i will be hear all somer i wis[h] you had a good Bilet [contract?] to give me in this part of this contry so that i would mak som money there was a male [mail] hear to run to Batell River and Peaars brother got it this commanding ofisers their gives all their work to men that suck for it but I cant do that for a living Pears oferd [offered] to run that Male for 400 hundred dalers pr month and I oferd to run it for three and the first thing I new Pears was redy to start – and i hard [heard] after that he took it for three this is the second tim i made a Brack to get a sale from them and never made it But I sipose that my time will come yet if not i will have to do without and now I must close wising [wishing] you and family all well and enjoying good helt as this has me and family i have two boys and a girl i hop that you will right [write] and let me no if you get my leter i hop you will exques [excuse] by bad speling and hand righting as you no your self i am no aducted [educated] man so good by I remain yours truly James F. Sanderson [bungee]

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| G 8697 | A - 339 | Jan. 27, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Running for Selkirk and family matters. |

My dear Norquay Your very kind letter duly to hand and many thanks for your kind offer but since I wrote you I have been in Ottawa and had a long talk with Sir John about Selkirk, and in consideration of the very unsatisfactory and uncertain state of trade in our country he has let me off as I could not be spared from our business during these uncertain times. They are now pressing my brother Alexander to stand, should Donald A. be unseated and he may be induced to accept. He is out of business, a fair speaker, a very strong man, and has as much influence as any man in the Dominion with the present Government. He can give the most of his time to the interest of the country and can get more for the country than any one I know, and that should be the principal politics of Manitoba. If he decides to go, I suppose you will give him the same support you offered me, which is indispensable to any one contesting Selkirk.

I am glad you are coming down. You must make me a visit, and we will try to give you a good time. Mrs. Ogilvie in a fit of generosity has just presented me with a daughter both are doing very well. The two little boys are growing nicely, they have just had their photographs taken, which I enclosed to you. We are having an old fashioned winter with already over three feet of snow. It has not been very cold, hardly down to zero yet. I notice you are trying to pour whiskey down the throats of the good people of Rappid City, it is a good excuse, but you will have an easy matter to settle this when you get to Ottawa. Give my kindest regards to all my Winnipeg friends & hoping to see you soon, I remain, Yours very truly, W.W. Ogilvie

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| G 8697 | A - 340 | July 14, 1879 | Letter | Brown, C.P. | Morris | Norquay, John | Re: Political matters. |

Dear Mr Norquay Russel has accepted the apt – and the list partly completed. I think I took the only wise course. Little is only partially satisfied but I explained at the meeting that you would be pleased should the constituency be represented by one so able as Mr. L. in the meantime as there is to be a convention it should be left to the people. All the candidates profess complete sympathy with the Govt

Mr L threatened opp if I did not announce him as the Govt candidate I claimed all my duties ended with a proper preparation of the lists. I leave in an hour for Emerson, thense to Nelsonville

I hope to return by the middle of the week. Faithfully yrs C.P. Brown

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| G 8697 | A - 341 | Apr. 30, 1879 | Invitation | St. Mary's Academy | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Festal Entertainment given in honor of Arch. Taché. |

Superior of St M Academy invites JN “& Lady” to a “Festal Entertainment given in honor of His Grace Archbishop Taché” on Monday 5 May at 7:00 pm

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| G 8697 | A - 342 | April 22, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter and referring to change of position with Mr. N. which he regrets. | 2 pp. |

My dear Norquay Your letter was handed to me on my return from New York, and I was very much surprised at its contents. I did not dream of your thinking of leaving your present position, if anything serious has happened I regret it very much and hope you will smoothe it over all right, for I would not like you to give up the position. I cannot leave home at present, as John has not time to come to the office. I am going to Ottawa so soon as I can get away which I hope will be next week and will see Sir John. I am sorry you did not see him yourself before you left it would have done good, I have really no means of knowing what your chances are of getting the position, but do not put much faith in it. Your connection with Luxton did you harm as it turned out. I know this from defending you on several occasions this could all be overcome but it will take some time to do it. In the meantime whatever I can do rest assured I will do, I had a very pleasant visit in New York. Bertie enjoyed it very much and behaved very well. I hope Mrs. Norquay is better and your family all in good health. We are all very well. Mrs. Ogilvie & Baby getting fatter every day with kindest regards to all my Manitoba friends, I remain, yours very truly W W Ogilvie

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| G 8697 | A - 343 | April 17, 1879 | Letter | Thompson, James | South Ronaldshay, Orkney, Scotland | Norquay, John | Mr. N.'s genealogy. |

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Dear Sir

I trust you will excuse the liberty which I now take in thus addressing you. It is always with very sincere pleasure I hear of the success made by Orcadians in general who have gone abroad in different parts of the world – but more especially is this the case when it happens to be those belonging to or connected with South Ronaldshay owr own beloved native isle.

I have recently heard your name mentioned in connection with Canada and its affairs and I am also informed your ancestors hail originally from this island and may say I have been making some enquiry of those bearing the name, but I regret to say I have hitherto been unsuccessful in tracing your relationship to them. I have therefore thought it best to address you this note, and if you would please in reply kindly let me know the name or names of any of your Ancestors who lived here and more especially the name of the Farm or House or locality where they resided. In that case we could be at no loss in ascertaining the information wanted in regard to any connection with those here bearing your name.

I have now before me the names of many of the sons of Orcadia, who signally distinguished themselves in the world theatre both in Ancient, Modern, and present times. I presume you are aware of the fact of Washington Irving…. Can I spread news of your country to potential emigrants….

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| A - 344 | May 12, 1879 | Letter | Norquay, J[ohn] | City (Winnipeg) | [Thompson, James] | Letter to a relative tracing his genealogy. |

Draft written in JN’s hand, with some passages crossed out, signed by him, Winnipeg 12 May 1879

“Sir: I received your letter of the 17th ult today making enquiry about my ancestors & in reply I would inform you that I am the second son of Late John Norquay who was born in the country & the son of Oman or Omy Norquay who came originally from the island of South Ronaldshay and entered the HBCo service I should judge some time about the year 1800. Being left an orphan at a very early age I could not make myself acquainted with the antecedents of my family further than that I heard my grandfather came originally from the island of South Ronaldshay. I have been engaged in public life for the last eight years and am now Prime Minister of my native province. There are issue of the Norquay line from my father & my late uncle Henry, who died about 5 years ago. I have a brother & 2 sisters living. My brother is clerk of the County Court of Lisgar Co & is doing fairly. This spring when I was down to Ottawa on public business I met one Edward Norquay at Port Dover who hails from the old island & I fancy from the family likeness I observed in his children that he comes from the same stock as myself. My brother’s name is Thomas & my sisters Jane and Annie all being married & having large families. I have 5 sons & two daughters. I may add that Manitoba and the North West Territories offer the best inducements to intending emigrants of any place on this continent. There are at present large undertakings being prosecuted by the Dominion Government which are peculiarly adapted to meet the wants of intending settlers as employment on a large scale will be afforded for a term of years [to] emigrants who would thus gradually become inured to the country & be quickly preparing for themselves a home under the good old flag. In the olden time the most successful employees of the Hudson Bay Company were the hardy sons of Orcadia & many of their descendants are the pioneers of Western civilization & bear testimony to the world of the good stock form which they are the offshoots. I feel that if any organized effort were made by the people of the Orkneys to emigrate to Canada that assistance would be rendered in some way by the Govt of Canada as the great & primary object at present of the Dominion is the settlement of the vast & productive regions between the Atlantic & the Pacific oceans. Hoping to hear from you if you succeed in tracing up the family tree, I remain, Sir, yours very faithfully, J Norquay

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| A - 345 | Aug. 12, 1879 | Letter | Setter, Colin C. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking information as to where he can borrow money at a low ratio. |

Dear Norquay Could you give me any information as to where I could get money to borrow and the smalest [sic] interest with it. I can give good security for it. I here [sic] Bain & Bld [Blanchard] had money for the purpose – is it so or not. If it is please let me know. I was out west and sold my horse for oxen. That is the reason I would like to get some money and not sell my oxen till spring when oxen sire -- a good price. How did you get along with your horse – not very good, I suppose, to[o] many friends, voters, I mean – you better let me have that horse next spring and take grain for the service of the horse one could make well that way up here. Our crops looks splendid up here some have made a commencement last week already with wheat and Barley I must conclude as I have no more news to tell you. Our Best wishes to you all and -, remain, yours etc, Colin C. Setter

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| A - 346 | Nov. 11, 1879 | Letter | Girard, M.A., Senator | St. Boniface, Man. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter asking him to meet Mr. N. and promising to be at the Manitoba Club at 11K. |

Handwritten, formal paper but no letterhead, very ornate penmanship: "Hon J. Norquay etc, etc, etc. Dear Sir: I have the honor to accede reception of your note dated today, and asking me to meet you on important business. I am honored to in accepting such appointment, and will be for that purpose at the Manitoba Club at 11.00. I think it will be more convenient than your office. Yours Sincerely M. A. Girard"

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| A - 347 (a) | March 17, 1879 | Letter | Kennedy, Wm. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing a letter for Sir John re: stolen scrip. |

"My Dear Norquay Enclosed is a letter for Sir John A McDonald which I hope you will take an opportunity to present to him whenever you can approach him when at leisure. He is represented to be so busy as not to be able to attend to his business or rather has so much to do that he cannot overtake it all. I have already written to him about the stolen scrip but he has paid no attention to it. Your own late sister Mrs. James Ballenden[']s was one of those stolen. I was told last week there is to be no redress for this stolen scrip & that we must just sit down with the loss which would be a disgrace to the Govt. As regards Albert Todds lot I dare say you know all about it. The Government have all the particulars of this lot & it has been valued by the Government valuators Messrs Pearce & Nelson. Depend on it whatever value they put on this lot it will not be in favor of the ‘Breed.’ Any way you may tell Sir John that when I arbitrated in the case of Joseph Johnston’s estate Wood the lawyer charged with the case was for himself $3,000 for only one third the quantity & by valuing the lands in question at the rate that Schultz charged for land at the same spot.

You will also have some knowledge of the way in which the stone was taken from my brother Philip’s property & with which the long dam was constructed at the St. Andrew’s Rapids. If Govt’s pay for these things in Ontario we have a right to them here & please therefore do all you can in the matter.

Respecting an Indian Agency tell Sir John I have won it more fairly than any ten men who are connected with the Indn Dept. I seek it not as a sinecure but to recover a class of British subjects who were elements of progress before Confederation so ruthlessly took hold of them but have since become as I told you in my last the parasites of civilization & who with the treatment they are receiving are being highly prepared for that virus which coming from Ottawa will make & that very soon the valley of the Saskatchewan a valley of death & pestilence – a pestilence of two kinds – a natural as well as a moral one.

I am writing to catch the Post so you will excuse my saying more just now. Your family are well but I regret to tell you poor Bella Setter the wife of young Adam McDonald died suddenly yesterday & is likely to be buried today. She had got safely over child birth but some trouble stept in some days after & took away this usually strong & healthy girl as she appeared. Hoping that in the midst of life we may always remember that death is always at hand & therefore that we diligently prepare for it I remain, very truly yrs Wm Kennedy

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| A - 347 (b) | March 18, 1879 | Letter | Kennedy, Wm. | St. Andrews, Man. | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Re: Scrip & land matters. [Edited by Norquay, J.]. |

To the Right Hon. Sir John A McDonald, K.C.B[?] Minister of the Interior, Ottawa

Dear Sir

When the Hon. David Mills was Minister of the Interior I had occasion to represent to that Gentleman that Albert Todd of St Clements, now in the Saskatchewan, had given me a power of attorney to sell a lot of land to the Government which he has at Selkirk, in that Parish, & for which he had 3 years since notice from the Governt that it was required for Railway purposes. The Telegraph to the Saskatchewan in operation over this lot & most if not all of the wood on it, has been appropriated by those working there. Mr Pearce the Government valuator of Lands has already sent down his report of its value. May I therefore beg to be informed as to how much & when the Govt will pay for this land.

Albert Todd has now been sent from his home nearly three years & has had to pay 12 percent for the money which he has had borrowed to enable him to find a new home.

Some time since I had the honor to address Mr. Pearce &c (see above) relative to some scrip belonging to myself & others & for which so far there has been no compensation, a matter occasioning much inconvenience. (Strikeout: ~~on the matter of Scrip stolen from myself & others~~)

More than four years ago I sent in an application (for two hundred dollars (to the Government) for stone taken from the property of my late brother (strikeout~~: of whose children I am guardian~~.) for the construction of the wing dam at the Rapids of St. Andrew’s which is still unnoticed.

Begging that these matters may receive your earliest attention, I remain, Respectfully yours, Wm. Kennedy

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| G 8697 | A - 348 | Nov. 3, 1879 | Letter | Standard Life Assurance  Company | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Board of Directors have agreed to undertake the risk of assuring Mr. N. to the extent of $2500.00. |

Form letter, with handwritten blanks filled in: Bd of Directors considered your proposal of 23 October for Assurance of $2500 on your life – have agreed to undertake the risk. Premium payable: $37.10/100, half-yearly, 3 Nov & 3 May

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| G 8697 | A - 349 | July 23, 1879 | Letter | Schultz, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Introducing Ed Farrell, Esq. |

My dear Sir Please allow this to introduce Edward Farnell Esq a Gentleman who came to the country last year with the very highest testimonials and who in Contract 15 and elsewhere gave the greatest satisfaction to the contractor. Mr. Farnell is a thoroughly reliable contractor and I feel sure would discharge any duty entrusted to him with satisfaction to the Government and credit to himself. Yours very kindly John Schultz

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| G 8697 | A - 350 | Aug. 9, 1879 | Letter | Brown, C.P. | Ottawa Hotel Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Political matters. |

My dear Mr. Norquay

I have just arrived here from Ottawa and expect to reach home by the middle of the month. I got your telegram all right and submitted my case and have the best reasons to believe that the effort will be successful. I was treated in a very kind and hospitable manner & find the Ministers (at least those at home) real jolly fellows. Last night Hon Mr. Pope M. of Agriculture invited me to the Club with the Mayor and Min of Justice, all mighty good fellows. They all spoke highly of you – all I met except Tuttle who not gives you hell himself but said every one at Ottawa was down on you which I could not find to be correct.

We had a lot of fun at the Club re Tuttles new purchase – a Halifax paper and a Moncton paper which he intends to edit from a central office at Montreal.

He says ‘These offices got into difficulties and he had to carry them through’ – ‘Financial’ I suggested ‘Yes’ – although I don’t find many who likes Luxton especially the Mayor, they all call Tuttle a crazy fool. The contract for the Western 50 miles will be let immediately and Mr. Pope and Mr McD. almost came up with me. Mr. Smelley also of the CPR Actg Chief will also come.

Hope Walker is with you and that you have arranged all your constituencies. I remain, your C. P. Brown

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| G 8697 | A - 351 | May 1, 1879 | Letter | Rykert, J.C. | St. Catharines, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Hamilton Jukes. |

Is a Barrister and Solicitor: ‘My dear Sir: The Bearer of this letter is Mr. Hamilton Jukes who goes to the Far West to better his condition. He is a young man of excellent family and of good moral character. If you can in any way assist him I will take it as a personal favor. Very truly , J. C. Rykert

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| G 8697 | A - 352 (a) | [1879] – [1878? 1880?] | Memoranda | [N. A.] | [No Location] |  | Re: Speech from the Throne. |

Handwritten, “Private” on envelope, plus 7 pp of various sizes handwritten in pencil sketching paragraphs for the Speech from the Throne *[-- year? –* *check year of arrival of Lorne*]

“I congratulate you that you assemble at the opening of the first session of the third Legislature under auspicious circumstances…

“When you met last year I expressed a hope that railway communication would be effected by which the farmer could secure transportation for his surplus produce to the Eastern markets. I rejoice that my anticipations have been realized and that thereby such an impetus will be given to trade as will materially promote the growth & prosperity of this young Province….”

…farms have been successful

…apptmt of Marquis of Lorne as GG, and HRH Princess Louise was “one of the many evidences of Her Most Gracious Majesty’s good will towards Her Canadian subjects and Her appreciation of the loyalty & devotion which they have ever shown towards the British Crown….”

“I will now proceed to enumerate a few of the measures which will be submitted to your careful consideration.

"There will be laid before you the results of the labors of the commissioners appointed under the Act of last session for the consolidation of the statutes ….”

“…a measure to provide for the promotion of public works & the construction of public buildings…”

“Owing to the rapid growth of rising towns in the various counties of the Province a measure will be submitted to you as a complement of our Municipal system to enable centres of sufficient population to be incorporated as Towns without the necessity of applying to the Legislature for a special act of Incorporation.”

“The experience of the two last seasons has demonstrated the great necessity for some system of drainage by which your waste lands can be reclaimed and your avenues of communication improved. Your attention will be asked to consider a measure to provide for the drainage of the low lands of the Province.”

…provision of sittings of the Court of Queen’s Bench in the western portions of the province.

Also roads, statute labour, liquor licenses, ferries, registrar’s fees

Public Accounts committee will table estimates of the public expenditure

“With these observations I leave you to your labors earnestly praying that your deliberations may receive the Divine Blessing & confidently trusting that by a zealous discharge of duty, an honest desire to legislate for the advantage of our people & a faithful observance of the well known principles of Parliamentary & responsible government you will contribute to the advancement of our Province & promote the well being of our community

[note – clichés, but also instructions in how and what to do, emphasizing the broader public good and the ideals of democratic representative debate and rule]

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| G 8697 | A - 352 (b) | [1879] - 1880 | Memoranda | [N. A.] | [No Location] |  | Notes for speech in House. |

Speech notes scribbled on various sheets of paper – 10 pages in total – including JN’s notes on ***Joseph Royal’s*** speech of June 1879?

“How many times has electoral Divisions been changed (not in Canada)

Require 3 or 4 redistributions this parliament”

“Abolition of Upper House – remarks then made by Premier”

“French population exceeded English in 1870 & rep extra not demanded – generous attitude of French people –

aux membres francais qu’on a aujourdhuis

to remain in power is the only object of the first minister -- a man who has sold every party that he is associated with

we have the Constitution to guard us

18th Feby – leader of Govt came to me to ask me to go with him to Ottawa – Leader knew that trial was to take place in March – counsel for me asked for bill of particulars – opponent of member for Rockwood asked me to defer proceedings – I took precaution to instruct my counsel [struck out]

came to my office & asked me to go with him

never asked me to allow him to remain.

(a little mark of Conservative spirit into this Govt – Leader acquiesced but would make no changes till after session –

Essentially a party man & [unclear: ?] not satisfied with Govt so slenderly supported –

28th meeting requested him to see Norquay

Wait till next day –

To know result of Conversation would have been ruin—

“rally around me & we will teach them a lesson

Announcement made just now justifies such expectations

Treason & …

Majority of French based on principle & not personal honors…

Intrigues successfully carried out.” [end of that sheet]

[next sheet, same hand]

“If principle was wrong – owing to changes

Royal

Principle presided so far since formation of Govt in this House

Davis intimated to his friends his resignation ----

Called meeting of majority of house (house then going to country)

(We understand Mr. Royal recommended as Premier said for French Party)

(Select our man & leave other party to select their man.

Leader supported by majority

Personal questions & not political

After attacking Min P. Works –

[one of the][foregoing struck out] Gentlemen who was most violent in his denunciations – unfair to attack me out of the House

Leader weakly supported by new members – suggestion would not have bettered things his memory correct as mine – little support derived from Eng members of House –

Programme received every members support –

Royal's name mentioned instituted proceedings to vindicate self

Advisable by Govt of day to harmonize our Railway Legislation with Ottawa Legislation

[Next 2 pages seem to belong to this set of notes]:

Conservative victory must (Mastodon Government) French by abolishing upper House…..We want abolish their language – All they believe –

Liberality of action our fault – (abuse of privilege & wanted to effect a division of Members of the House

Why did he not make announcement of his new departure –

Our privilege to appeal to justice of members of this House

Trial against my own sense

Members most violent did not bring up matter in this House

Did not believe one word of it but still influenced their critics

Prevented me from attempting to exculpate myself –

'74 defeat of Govt – compassed by Royal ---

Legislation effect our class arrayed against the other as now. After reciting the Davis Govt my taking part

No party principles as applied in the older Provinces was applied here (Amusing)-

Minority insisting on justice to majority acceding to their own ideas & not according to ideas of majority whose ideas differed from theirs

[Next sheet, smaller neater hand – JN's speech notes, could be his own writing] “Memoranda” A – 352 (b)

"Became my duty to acquaint my colleagues of state of affairs & take such steps as would enable Govt to proceed with measures

Colleagues in accord with action of Premier. As a game was evidently being played it was necessary to withhold from a colleague who had attended caucus of members intending to overthrow the Govt – intentions of majority –

Game had been played once before & Premier was warned that same was being attempted again.

Cause of defection alleged was simply a ruse to bring about a crisis ---

Captain Scott an out and out Conservative, for purpose of reducing fight to party basis

Repeatedly talked of matter about Scott & always deprecated change until close of Session –

Had no predilections in the premises but merely wished to carry out policy indicated by me at General elections

Only ambition to serve my country faithfully to which I'll look for vindication & support

[A 3rd page, in yet different handwriting – small and neat]:

"In addition to the contemplated legislation in the Speech from the Throne –

I The Government will introduce Legislation for the purpose effecting a great sving in the public printing –

1) By reducing very largely the amount of French printing.

2) By reducing to the lowest possible amount the English printing.

3) The moneys thus saved to be spend in the development of the country

II An equitable redistribution of the electoral divisions of the Province

a) on account of large emigration

b) Formation of new settlements

III Extension of the boundary of the Province to receive attention

IV A more careful distribution of moneys appropriated for school purposes.

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| G 8697 | A - 352 (c) | [1879] - 1880 | Memoranda | [N. A.] | Parks Creek |  | Minutes from School Board Meeting. |

Minutes of school board meeting, in JN's hand, dated 2 Feb 1880

"J Norquay Chairman

Alf Martin [?] Secy

Meeting of ratepayers of Parks Creek School District School Trustees presented annual report stating that they could not feel justified in reengaging Mr Crawford the present teacher & that they had secured the services of one Mr. Humber [Hamber?] & asking the authority of the meeting to carry out their suggestions as by appended report in reference to some uncollected arrears which they advise should not be counted in the Estimates for the ensuing year as available assets amounting to $65.50.

Report also shows amount of uncollected arrears at $199.20 which may be considered as available assets. The total estimate for the year amounting to $564.50. On motion of Fred Fulsher seconded by Mr. Clarke the Report was adopted

Meeting then proceeded to election of trustees, Mr. A K Black being the retiring trustee Mr. Fulsher moved that Mr Albert Boskill be elected trustee via Black resigned & Mr Boskill declining to act Mr

It was then moved by Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr Alexr McBeth that Alfred Masters be trustee Carried

Moved by Mr. McBeth seconded by Mr. Clarke that Mr. John Tait be another

Moved by Mr. Kent 2nd by Mr. Fletsher that A Boskill be 2nd auditor

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| G 8697 | A - 353 | April 16, 1879 | Letter | Irving, William | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Henderson of the Department of P.W. Ottawa. |

Introducing Mr Henderson of the Dept of Public Works, Ottawa "who is on his way to take charge of some Government Work in Your Country…."

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| G 8697 | A - 354 | Sept. 15, 1879 | Bill of lading | St. Paul & Pacific Railroad | St. Vincent, Minnesota | Norquay, John | Consignment per Steamer Minnesota. |

Shipped to Hon J Norquay from Duluth, 1 Bag of Barley, 100 lbs, $3.94 in bond.

C I Gooding Agent

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| G 8697 | A - 355 (a) | Sept. 3, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Bismarck, Dakota Territory | Norquay, John | Friendly note. |
| G 8697 | A - 355 (b) | Oct. 1, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | Benton, Montana | Norquay, John | Friendly note. |

First letter on Merchants Hotel stationery, Bismarck DT, second letter on stationery of Overland Hotel, Benton, Montana

First: "Hon John Norquay My Dear Sir Mr. Begg arrived at half past twelve with the horses and he also handed us our instructions and the rest of the stuff will be in this evening We start at five tomora morning as far as I can learn all parties have to go to Fort Walsh and their each partie gets his orders I don't find the time longsom [lonesome] I am getting well acquinted with Rel Road travling and now comes the steam boat and the next will be the Indian and I hope I will soon get in the way of dealing with them to satisfactory

I will wright you more fully when I get settled down and at the mean time I thank you most kindly for what you have dun for me and I asshure you that I will do my best according to my instructions

Excuse in haste just leaving Bismark for the Boat to be ready for the morning the Landing is about three mils up the River

Give my best respects to my family and also your family wishing you well Yours truly John Setter"

And the 2nd:

"My dear Sir I arrived yesterday had to travil across Land from Cow Iland on account of Low water the Boat could not get further three waggon loads of passengers threw a very Ruff contry

I hope that you will wright me and let me know how you are getting on with your election

I expect that we will be leaving here by Mondy, I will wright you more fully when I get settled down. Just now I am tired out

Compliments to your family and your self Yours truly John Setter"

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| G 8697 | A - 356 | Sept. 10, 1879 | Letter | Ontario Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating Mr. N.'s note has been paid at Merchants' otherwise he should be glad to hold it as requested. |

Your note – had been paid by the Merchants Bank – so couldn't hold it over as requested.

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| G 8697 | A - 357 | Aug. 8, 1879 | Meeting Notice | St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Prov. Synod. |

Preacher will be Lord Bishop of Moosonee

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| G 8697 | A - 358 | Sept. 20, 1879 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill, Mayor | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Louis Laroque's account. |

Reply to yours of 19th inst. "I am of the opinion that Louis Larocque's account was charged for by the Deputy Returning Officer. I had nothing whatever to do with his account….I still hold receipts for every cent of money I expended and any time you are up here, you may inspect them. I would take it as a great favor if you could inform me if the Election is likely to take place before November. It will be entre nous – an answer will great oblige Yours faithfully W Hill Nash"

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| G 8697 | A - 359 | Dec. 13, 1879 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Friendly letter. Written on election matters and enclosing $50.00 - for team he had in the North West. |

"My Dear Norquay Your esteemed favor duly to hand and should have been answered sooner but I have been very bussy and away from home. Enclosed find $50.00 for the team we had in the North West. I am glad you had no trouble with your election and hope you will have a strong Government. We have done the correct thing in our Province, the Rouge or Letellier party are killed for many years. I cannot understand Ryan opposing you in any way. I must see him when he comes to Ottawa. Mrs O. and the boys are very well, with kindest regards to all my Winnipeg friends, I remain, Yours very truly,

W W Ogilvie

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| G 8697 | A - 360 | July 7, 1879 | Letter | Smith, Osborne, W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking if he has any reply from Mr. Pope. |

"Dear Mr Norquay Have you any response from Mr Pope….

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| G 8697 | A - 361 | Jan. 1880 | Letter & Brochure | Canadian Academy of Arts | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Inviting Mr. N. to become [one] of its honorary members. |

Invitation to become Honarary Member, under direction of H E the GG. President of the Academy – donations of $1 or more welcome. (HE gave $500). Objects of academy are to promote the arts

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| G 8697 | A - 362 | Aug. 25, 1879 | Letter & Bill of Lading | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Enclosure: bill of lading, 26 August 1879. For 1 bag of barley. Also stating he is coming to Winnipeg about 10th Sept. & etc. |

Bill of lading, Grand Trunk Rly, dated 26 August 1879: via Sarnia & Duluth, 1 Bag P Barley to Hon J Norquay, from A W Ogilvie & Co

"My Dear Norquay

Enclosed please find B/L of the bag of Pearl Barley I should have sent you some time ago, but the truth is I had forgotten all about, but better late than never and I hope it will reach you all right, and hope you will enjoy the soup.

I hope you and your good family are very, [sic] and that you have your government in good shape. Mrs O. and the boys are very well, they have just returned from the Seaside on the coast of Main where they spend about a month. The boys are growing splendidly and often speak of you. I have to go as far west as Minneapolis next week, and when so far on the way I cannot resist the temptation of going to see my old friends at Winnipeg particularly your own good self & at the same time look over our land investments, and do what I Can to get wheat out of Manitoba as I learn you like ourselves have a good crop. We have had a splendid summer cool and pleasant. Hope has just called to say that he regrets very much he cannot accompany me, but wishes to be kindly remembered to you. I hope to be in Winnipeg about the 10th of Sept, my stay will be short, and most of my time will necessarily be taken up in the country with Alloway but I will have an evening or two with you, so with kindest regards to all my friends and best wishes for yourself, I remain, Yours very truly WW Ogilvie

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| G 8697 | A - 363 | Dec. 20, 1879 | Letter | Burrows, Acton | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Congratulations on Elections. |

H of Commons stationery "Private and confidential

My dear Mr. Norquay, Allow me to take an early opportunity of congratulating you on the result of the elections, as the turns to hand leave no doubt on my mind that you have secured a rattling majority, in fact from all that can be gathered it appears as though if one of the opposition be ill, there would be but a slim house to the left of Mr. Speaker. The Winnipeg agent of the Associated Press with the remarkable aptitude for anything but 'a scrupulous adherence to unadorned fact' which he invariably displays, wired that the government was beaten. From the meagre returns to hand yesterday, I gathered enough to show that this was not the case, and wrote a letter to the Citizen to say I felt confident the government was returned. A copy of the paper was mailed you and will no doubt be to hand before you get this. I thought it advisable to telegraph the leading Conservative papers and did so late last night. The Montreal Gazette published my telegram in full, heading it 'The value of Associated Press dispatches.'

Please tell Begg that the Citizen received his telegram all right today and asked me to write a few lines in connection with it, which appear in today's issue.

You will probably be down here again soon, after 'better terms,' or something else. [Rinfret?] went home yesterday, but returns early in January.

Kind regards to Messrs Walker, Brown, Begg, et al.

Yours faithfully C.Acton Burrows

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| G 8697 | A - 364 | Oct. 11, 1878 | Security Bond | Canada Guarantee Co. | Montreal, Que. | Mgr., Public Works Dept. | Copy of form necessary to be filled in to obtain a guarantee in the above Company. |

Form letter re former employee of Public Works MB who wishes to be bonded for work with Intercolonial Rly to value of $500.

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| G 8697 | A - 365 | July 28, 1879 | Meeting Notice | Matheson, Samuel P. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) |  | A meeting of the Council of St. John's College. |

"To consider the appointment of Mr Lake as a resident master & certain college investments" – College Council mtg.

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| G 8697 | A - 366 | [1879] | Memo | St. John's Ladies' College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | List of tuition fees. Notice of a change in prices for teaching the different branches. |

Notice of a change in prices: Board per term over 14 yrs = $70.00, up to 14= $60.00

Dinner for day pupils 1.25/week

Seat in Cathedral .50

German, Drawing, Singing $10.00

French $ 5.00

Music 15.00

English, Arithmetic 8.00

Preparatory English 7.00

Reduction of 5% for more than one pupil from same family

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| G 8697 | A - 367 | March 29, 1879 | Letter | Sinclair, Alexander HBC | La Cloche | [Norquay, John] | Friendly letter. Acknowledging the receipt of one from Mr. Norquay. |

Fine hand, copperplate penmanship,

Rec'd "your most welcome letter, wherein you mention your intended trip to Ottawa. I saw by the Papers that you had been there and had gone back again, long before I got your letter. I would have been only too glad to have met you at the Capital, where I'm pretty well at home. I am proud to see your name figuring at the head of the Ministry of the Manitoba Parliament. May you long enjoy the confidence of the natives of 'Red River Settlement,' for its [it's] few natives that have made their marks in the new order of things. For my part I have been too long in the HB Co Service to leave it now. I have a first class charge now, and I intend to hold on to it as long as I can.

The next move on my part will be to get a wife. I have been single long enough, its now time to settle down. I shall never forget my native land, many many times my thoughts wander away back to Friend I have left behind, it won't therefore be long before I pay you all a visit…..

I heard … from Charly Johnson, he's a good and true friend to me…. I'm glad he was on your side at the last elections.

I must finish this by wishing you every success, I remain, Yours truly, -----

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| G 8697 | A - 368 | Oct. 31, 1879 | Letter | Prittie, R.W. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay to hurry up and ship roots and to inform Mr. Alexander freight agent of St. P M&M and he will send them free. |  |  |  |

Ship swedes and roots for my store – St P M&M will ship them through free

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| G 8697 | A - 369 | Oct. 27, 1879 | Letter | Vincent, W.T. | Victoria [Man.] | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. who is the man seeking Parliamentary  honors in Baie St. Paul who has his support, Aikins or Lusted. |

"Dear Sir I have been canvasing with Akins, who is a candidate for this riding. And I feel through the canvasing that I made that Clark is going to fall in between the two, that is Akins & Lustard [Lusted?] & jam the Election, Now Akins informs me that you are giving him your support, And Lustard denies it; And on the other hand Lustard claims your support is given him; And between them I am left in a state of doubt and uncertainty. My opinion is Akins is a dry Bugger any how. Why he doesn't either drink or smoke & says he dont know how to tell Lies, either, guess he can, 'er [sic: not obvious meaning] Now when I sounded Clarks supporters on Akins' behalf they were firm to their man; But on the other hand Lustard's men are inclined to support Akins as they are not very strong for their man.

Now Dear Sir I wish you would come out here if you possibly can, & we will hold a meeting. It will do the man that you are really supporting a great deal of good if you could…. [If not] write and tell me who you support…

There is some fun to be had out here of another kind. I mean, Electing a few Ducks to shoot as the Bay is full of them and they are fat. I was cutting Thatch today & saw thousands. I also saw a large flock of just about seventy, but they were wild & I could not get a shot at them. Now I wish when you write you would let me know which is the right man in St Pauls From your cincire [sincere] friend, W.T. Vincent

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| G 8697 | A - 370 | Oct. 2, 1879 | Letter | Boyd, A. | Redwood | Norquay, John | Asking what school section T1 R1E Sec 18 & 7. Also T14 R1E Sec. 9. |

"My dear Norquay You are the prime mover in apportioning the country into accursed school districts are you not? Donald is exceeding anxious to know in what school section T 12 R 1 E, Section 9 are, he being the owner of the same and understanding that the tax may be collected on the land without any notice being sent to the owner and the land sold without any one being the wiser. Is that the law? If so, it is a shame and the authors ought to make one more law and then ---- Yours very truly A Boyd [Redwood is a house?]

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| G 8697 | A - 371 | Nov. 24, 1879 | Letter | Setter, John | [Foot of the Mount[a]in] Rock Mountain N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Friendly note about his moves among the Indians. |

'Private' My Dear Sir Theire I am here for the winter until further notice had one visit from the Shoes thay [sic] are a hard Lot, I have no nuse [news] to wright you nothing of nuse here Bofflo is scarse on this side of the Line and the country all around here is all Burnt I am afraid it will be rather hard for some of the tribs of Indians theire is a few free men here for the winter thay have lots of green meet [meat] But thay say that thay have to leave arley [early] in the spring on account of the shoes that thay are such a pest that thay would starve their families out as long as thay know that a man has a mouthful thay will ly around

I find it rather hard here at present not for myself but for my two horses no hay no oats to feed them on thay are doing very well as yet no winter here as yet But the free men here says from about hallow days [holy – Christmas?] the snow commences and storms, how is your winter in Winipeg plenty of snow and cold

Here it is more of the Indian sommer here how is the people of St Andrews sucseading [succeeding] with their steam mill that thay intend to put up. I hope that thay will sucseade, I have several visits from the Crees and Saltose Indians every day I am speeking to them I am continuley telling them that the sooner thay settle down the better for themselves and thay would find the benefit of it in lase [less] than two years The Crees is quite taking up with me being a native and explaining to them for their Intrest – as I told them that it was a native that was at the head of government at Winipeg thay ware soprisd [surprised]

I can't give you the whole detail of all my convesations with them But I ashure you I will do my best in speaking to them and for the intrest of the Government and now I close with best regards to yourself and family I remain, yours Dear Sir Your friend, John Setter

Sir ennything that you might no [know] where I might be a benefit or a advice from you out here please and let me know for this is where a man has to use his little knowlege {Private [sic]"

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| G 8697 | A - 372 | Nov. 18, 1879 | Letter | Ralston, John | Rapid City | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he has had any reply from the Minister of the Interior re: S 1/2 Sec. 29 T13 R19W. If not will he write again. |

"Dear Mr Norquay Have you ever received any reply to the letter you wrote to the Minister of Interior in regard to my purchasing the South ½ of Sec 29 T 13, R 19 West, if not will you give it another trial you will remember I have two Houses on the place which I have kept open for Imigrants since Aug 74 likewise 15 acres under cultivation If you get it for me I will give you one half that can be made out of it things are brisk here my crop has been splendid Very truly yours, John Ralston

I do not think the letter ever reached the Minister"

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| G 8697 | A - 373 | Nov. 25, 1879 | Letter | Matheson, Samuel St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for balance of $54.47 due by Mr. N. to the College. |

"My dear Mr. Norquay Several accounts against the Ladies' School are long overdue and I have no funds with which to meet them. Can you possibly make a remittance before the end of the month as I am really afraid being dunned again another month by the Winnipeg Merchants. Your balance is $54.47…."

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| G 8697 | A - 374 | March 11, 1879 | Letter | Girard, M.A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John & Royal, J. | Refusing the invitation to dine having accepted a previous invitation. |

Handwritten "Senate 11th March" Acknowledges the invitation of Messrs Norquay and Royal, very sorry unable to accept, due to previous commitment

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| G 8697 | A - 375 | June 8, 1879 | Letter | Ralston, John | Rapid City | Norquay, John | The extension of the Manitoba boundary. |

"My Dear Norquay I have just received your letter you seem to think that I have been one of the D Ediots that have been holding meetings to protest against Manitoba extending her boundary to this place, but if you think so you are very much mistaken. The meetings are run by our merchants here Messrs Gorrit & Furguson [sic] two men who keep what they call a store in the city with about enough goods of all kinds to load a good pack jew Our drunken McDougall he that married the rich old maid has received an appointment from the above merchants he is Provincial Secretary but they have not been able as yet to decide on a Treasurer they are very busy persuading people to sign their petitions or protests or what ever they call it but the same men who sign these papers would sign a petition to have them hung if asked to do so

I do not believe there is twenty men outside of the Thiefs den (Rapid City) but would gladly have the limits of Manitoba extended to or beyond the little Saskachewan.[sic] I for one would be very much pleased & would if necessary get a counter requisition & will guarantee to get nearly all those who have there names on the Rapid City Papers Hoping you are well & your Government strong & righteous I remain, very truly yours, John Ralston"

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| G 8697 | A - 376 | Jan 4, 1879 | Letter | Biggs, S.C. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating he was employed and paid by no one in the case of Spence vs Spence. |

Flowing hand, local law office stationery – "D.M.Walker & S.C.Biggs B.A."

"Sir: Your letter of the 3rd Jany instant quite surprises me. You ask me to inform you if I was retained by Capt. Allan of St Andrews in the case of Spence vs Spence before the commission in St Andrews I have only to say in reply that I was not retained by Capt Allan or paid by him in the said cause. In fact I never spoke to Capt Allan nor did I know him by sight till since the late election when he was in court in a cause as defendant in which I appeared for the plaintiff and I state without fear of contradiction that I never either directly or indirectly had any communication with Capt Allan regarding the case of Spence vs Spence

"I further state that the only person who had any thing to do with securing my services for the said James Spence was yourself – to whom I look for payment for my services I really cannot understand why Capt Allan should make such a statement as that he retained me paid me for my services in the cause and if he did so state I have no hesitation in pronouncing it an absolute falsehood in every particular."

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| A - 377 | Aug. 1, 1879 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to help him obtain a fat govt' office. |

'My dear Norquay In your influential and exalted position could you not procure for me an office in the N.W. say an Indian agent or some fat office or other. I think I can safely be presumtous [sic] enough in this respect as I have ever been your dutiful and obedient supporter. If you don't aid me I think I may have a hard run of it in the future.

I hope Betsy & yourself and family are all well. I remain yours Faithfully

Andrew Spence

P.S. I'm sorry that I have to remind you of your duty to your friend

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| G 8697 | A - 378 | May 8, 1879 | Letter | Pattullo, G.R. [Ontario Reform Assoc.] | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking that Mr. A.S. Brown's application for a registrarship be entertained favourably. |

Secretary's Office (ON Reform Assocn)

Dear Sir I have been asked by my friend Mr. A. S. Brown of Alexandria, formerly a resident of Ontario, and who is an applicant for a Registrarship in Manitoba….[he's good man] "…and although I have no claims upon you, politically or otherwise, having only once or twice had the privilege of an introduction and personal interview, I venture to write you…."

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| G 8697 | A - 379 | April 22, 1879 | Letter | Morris, A. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Cover reads: Jarvis, A. Re: Exhibit and railway facilities for Winnipeg. |

"My dear Norquay Jn Monro of this city whose acquaintance I made when in the West last summer has seen me several times about a plan of his to have an agency of your Govt here. The western States have as you know exhibits of their productions & I think the idea a good one. [etc] …

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| G 8697 | A - 380 | June 3, 1879 | Letter | Walker, J.W. [clerk] | Rockwood | Norquay, John | For the Rockwood Council hearing. Congratulations upon the noble stand he has recently taken. |

"Honourable Sir: I am instructed by the Rockwood Council to tender you their Congratulations upon the noble stand you have taken recently, and they earnestly hope you will long be spared to discharge the duties devolving upon your important office as faithfully and impartially in the future as you have done in the past…."

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| G 8697 | A - 381 | Oct. 1, 1879 | Letter | Hill Nash, W. Hill | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Election matters. |

"Dear Norquay Grant my opponent held a meeting at the Ridge last night, in that portion supposed to be his stronghold and with his supporters from the Roseau made a great effort to make it a grand send off for him. I heard of the meeting by chance and went out with Mr. Major the other candidate, we had a warm meeting. Grant was completely broken down as regards that meeting at all events and unless his supporters can patch up the trouble that was made for him there he will have to retire. The meeting broke up without any expression of opinion, but I was surprised and pleased to find some supporters even there. I would like to have my first meeting in Town one day next week, if you could find it possible to be present I would be very much pleased and take it as a great favor. I will appoint any day you name for the meeting. An early reply will oblige

Yours faithfully W Hill Nash"

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| G 8697 | A - 382 | Aug. 5, 1879 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | An infectious disease among the cattle and a private matter re: politics. |

[bold hand, good paper, two letters in one – large 4-sided -- p 1 and, "private" p.3]

"Honble J. Norquay D Sir: My attention has been drawn by some of the people of Poplar Point to a very infectious disease that is amongst the cattle carrying them off in a few hours after being attacked by it, would ask that your Govt would kindly look into the matter at once as it is spreading up amongst the settlers cattle. Yours truly …"

P 3: "Dear Norquay: I have heard that John Taylor of Headingly is coming up to this Division to run at the next election, is this a fact I think I ought to be left alone, at least to tackle anyone in our own division, if such should be so. Trust you will use your influence in this matter, as also to write to a few of the leading men in Pop Point one my behalf, which will be duly appreciated. Yours truly …"

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| A - 383 | Jan. 11 and 14, 1879 | Letter | Adams, Charles | Pas Post | Neestaw [Brother-in-law - Norquay, John] | Friendly and private matters. |

"My dear Neestaw The annual winter packet will be due here tomorrow & you cant imagine how excited we are all getting at its near approach. I expect about as much as you public men do at elections, you may laugh, but it is so – What have we got to look forward to? Isolated as we are nothing is of greater moment to us than to hear from our dear friends. The last news we heard was that the MacKenzie Govt was defeated. Since then you may be all sent higher than a kite in Man[itoba].

We really have no news to write about which makes it more difficult to write a letter. Mssrs Belanger & young Stewart were down here lately & spent X'mas with us. Well we just managed X'mas but not a drop over. We are now all temperance men. I went up for New Year to Cumberland & had a pleasant time. A Miss Michaud, niece of Mr B, is with them & is a very lively person. Mr. B. has been ill since last summer, but is now getting better. Mrs. Cochran was there too & altogether she contributed considerable jollification – as we could enjoy. Mr & Mrs Hargrave are there too & are nice people also. Mr Hargrave & Mr Hanson loaded a small canoe on New Years Eve & lit a match so as to set it off at 12 O.C. which it did, but since then the canoe has been missing & tracks of it has not been seen anywhere any information thereof will be thankfully rec'd particularly as it also took away Mrs. B's henhouse which she greatly laments & would be glad to get back.

Our trade this year is not so good as last year chiefly owing to scarcity of furbearing animals & greater exertions of traders in trying to collect the same. No word of Hughes yet. Anything for a change even if it is some d—n lies of Hughes' to kill the monotony.

How are you all getting along -- how is Tom. I wish I could get a passage for him to come & see us at holidays & go back again. What does he think of farming does he seem to like that sort of thing? Is his staying with you no inconvenience? Does he please you & Betsy? Write me freely & openly – for I appreciate your kindness in keeping them so long & I would not like to presume on our friends' kindness too much.

The Fever has left the place now for some time. Annie & Baby escaped catching it & Joseph has grown very stout since his recovery. Horace is keeping good health since he came – but he is not very strong – he never was – he attends school half a day & the rest of the time amuses himself in different ways. Nancy is doing well tho' hardly so strong as she generally is when nursing. On the whole we have much to be thankful for – poor thing she is as strong as myself when tried as we have been – still at times we are both overcome & never will forget our darling.

I hope to hear that you are all well in every respect & with our mutual love to you all I remain Yr affte brother…. C Adams

Congratulate you my dear Neesta Yrs CA

PSS Got yours & Bella's letters all right. Glad to hear all's well. Love to Tom & all the rest of you. Pack leaves Pas 5 o.c. [o'clock] came at 10 pm Jan 14th 3 a.m.

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| G 8697 | A - 384 | Aug. 28, 1879 | Meeting Notice | Jarvis, E.W. [University of Manitoba] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba at the Education Office 4th Sept. |

Meeting of Council of U of M Thurs 4 Sept 2:00, and Convocation at 11:00 am

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| G 8697 | A - 385 | [No Date] | Draft Speech | [No Name] | [No Location] |  | "Memoranda during session" Speech notes. |

[14" formal letterhead stationery of Provincial Treasurer's Office, handwritten, big flowing hand, just 2-3 strikeouts – therefore a rewritten final copy by Norquay in all likelihood – 9 pp in total]

"I know my duty to the country whether in the Govt or out of it & it is necessary that if any compromise is made between the two factions that have unfortunately arisen out of this exigency that the English members be as united as their French friends always are. The questions advocated by them are as dear to them as are those defended by their French friends. Much as I deplore the unhappy circumstance of seeing one side pitted against another for the purpose of carrying [the] legislature I will consider any man who proves renegade to the policy as submitted by the Govt not only a traitor to his professions but as willing for personal considerations to drag into the dust the interests that have ever been advocated over & over again & for which the Government has been so often blamed. I have been accused by nearly every member who criticised the Govt policy that it was enunciated merely for the purpose of retaining power & for that reason that I have appealed to the prejudices of race. It is for no consideration of the kind that I have done so. As I intimated previously I would have been to blame if the members were again sent home and no legislation enacted & the measures foreshadowed being among those in a political sense most urgently demanded by the public. It behove the Govt in its duty to the country to see that they were carried. I have offered the party & it will remain for them to accept or refuse my resignation at the close of the session & if they do not put confidence in my professions they are at liberty to anticipate that turn by voting a vote of non confidence in the policy submitted. I was amused by the Honble Member for Ste Agathe in his criticisms of the policy when he said that ministers should give up $800 each of their salaries to devote the saving which would thereby be effected in the printing of the public documents in French. Let me inform him if he does not know that it is difficult on those terms even to get a second class clerk & certainly it would be a strange spectacle one as strange as that shown to us the other day by the late Min P Wks of having the minister's salaries placed on an equal footing with their clerks who it will be admitted by all are not overpaid. Now Mr. Speaker I must refer to some remarks made by my Hon friend & late colleague in reference to the suit we have heard so much about. I am aware that he was interviewed by the party who was & is generally believed to have been the promulgator of that libel & further that I believe that the party mentioned wanted a postponement of the suit or that the matter should be dropped entirely. However my Hon friend had stated in the columns of the press that the same matter would be brought up by a friend of his in the Commons of Canada. When no doubt the matter would engage the attention of the House & the matters therein contained be laid open to the public to receive their criticism. All that I have ever learned, speculation on the part of my critics has been very rife in regard to the motives that brought about the present crisis. I suppose for fair play's sake I might be allowed to roam in the field of conjecture also & as the matter is such that the public would like to know the motives I may be pardoned if I can by conjecture throw a little more light on the present complicated state of affairs. My honble friend the Member for Winnipeg who was a prominent man in the opposition ranks exerted his utmost energies to secure a majority against the Government as it was then constituted. It would appear that in this design for which I do not in the least blame him he had if not the active cooperation at least the countenance – of some French members according to his admission. Members who I have no doubt were actuated by motives superior to any personal ambitions but who must not have been satisfied with the policy of the Government or its personnel. Against the forming of a successful coalition as is well known to the member for Winnipeg there was an insuperable obstacle namely that the French party would not concede the leadership to any other but their present one. The Member for Winnipeg knew full well that such a coalition would immediately cut away the ground of getting any English support as he was well aware that the then leader of the Govt had hard work to keep his own following together in that score. Now when the time was ripe what was the upshot[?] The member for St Boniface who it appears was very willing to step into the shoes of my late colleague who it appears at the last moment withdrew his claims & said that he would support the member for St. Francis Xavier as leader. I have been accused that all this was done by me for pandering to personal ambition & my late colleague says that he is essentially a party man & placed himself in the hands of his party[.] While he did he is scarcely willing it appears to accord me the same privilege for while I consider his action in associating with those who were willing to overthrow the Government I claim that I had the same right to appeal to the support of a party at whose head I had been placed & by whom I would have been unanimously supported were it not for the causes already explained. Now Mr Speaker it is scarcely fair to saddle this house with the investigation of an affair which the Honble Member himself had already placed before another tribunal but on which for some cause or other proceeding had either been postponed or entirely dropped. I say that once the Honble Gentleman had chosen his own arena he should have continued in it & not attempt to turn the House of Parliament into a Court of law. I am of opinion myself Gentlemen that if the charges were really so grave as they are reputed to be & that evidence has been adduced to support the gravity of them that the Federal Government in whom as an institution I have not lost faith would in justice to the position it occupies in this broad Dominion have taken some steps at all counts to bring to light this serious matter – or remove from the character of an honourable man all the imputations that have been so widely & unsparingly circulated. I am the more inclined gentlemen to arrive at this conclusion from the fact that two successive Governments representing the two great parties in Canada have each had an opportunity of dealing with the matter so that their lack of action in the premises [?] cannot be attributed to party motives."

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| G 8697 | A - 386 | Dec. 28, 1879 Jan. 4, 1880 | Letter | Adams, Charles | Pas Post | Mustaw [Brother-in-law - Norquay, John] |

[the usual 4-page, one-fold, lined blue onionskin paper]

My dear Neestaw I am sending this by Jack Clemons' men who start on the [5th prox?]: We were glad to hear by Mr Belanger of the safe arrival of our children. I wrote them & you by messrs Russell & Smith later, but poor fellows I fear they had a very hard time of it a few days from here, having to foot it a good way.

I am glad to say we are all well here. Nancy is keeping well this winter in fact better than usual – tho' generally when nursing she looks well. Our baby is now walking about & commencing to speak tho' in Cree like Joseph – You would be amused to see Joseph with his little dog yoked in a trace & sled, it is only the size of a cat he is getting very stout. As for myself I am pretty well just now but I was bothered with a pain in my side for a long time this winter. I am pretty hard worked this year. I always had a young clerk till now except Ballendin. I have only my men. I hope the Coy will only follow up what is their Rule very often viz 'work first & pay afterwards' the reverse is the case with Indians tho'. However I am not behind in anything or any part of my charge which I can tell you is pretty heavy in its way. My returns is 2nd best since I have been here which all other posts are below. I am glad to notice too that our Boss appreciates my exertions.

I am going off to Cumberland for New Year, & will be back on the 3rd in Co [company] with Mr B who will be going as far as Grand Rapids.

By the way he found a little daughter on his arrival last fall (Oct 20) & I can assure you he was not a little proud of it as it is the only daughter they have having lost the only one a few years ago.

I shall be writing you or continue this after I come down. I fear I shall not get away next summer until about the 1st July so you need not look out for us before the middle of the month as I am wanted to start the Portage la Loche Brigades first – which will be about the 25 June.

Of course I intend to take all in [take all the family to Red River] tho' it will cost a good deal. We are very anxious for news – you may be kicked to pieces for all we know.

I want to get a little grog out by Clemons but how we shall arrange it remains to be settled between us -- I have a permit which his man will get – tho I don't care getting it for myself still I don't like drinking others' grog always I take pleasure in having a horn with others & giving to those who enjoy it.

Give our best love to Elizabeth & the children & with the same to yourself

I remain with best wishes Yr affte neestaw, C A Adams

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| G 8697 | A - 387 | Jan. 12, 1880 | Letter | Tidsbury, Geo. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | The position of Jailer at P la P and recommending  Farquhar McLean for the same. |

Nice hand, nice sentiments, obviously an older Red R. person?

"Honorable and dear Sir: I understand that there are a great many applicants for the office of jailer at Portage La Prairie…." I support my friend Farquhar McLean – he would be best choice.

"I wish you a happy new year and many returns of the Same and when the house meets I hope your friends and our friends will rally round you…Let us show to these scions of the old Family Compact that before the Public can trust them with Offices they must join in with men of more Liberal views…." [is he thus a Grit?]

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| G 8697 | A - 388 | March 10, 1880 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private. On political matters. |

Lined ordinary paper, difficult penmanship

"My Dear Norquay Just returned from Times office – saw both Rowe & Horn. They looked happy and I can assure you so was I made happy in consequence. Tuttle is ----- ------- [torment cross?] out. I cant help but feel sorry for him poor d----l. but he lacks ------[eneeort?] to the longer [Irterotut]

The faction at the club last night I am informed voted a condolence to him – poor devils all I would have said amiss had they included themselves

I am more than -----[ptiond ] to friend Rowe such a brick. You can if chance offers tell Sir Tupper that he need not send any more Tuttles up here. They wont take at all. Their style may do for blue noses but it don't take with Manitobans worth a herring as Sir Charles and all the other Sirs will be dealt with here on their merits alone, and they must not imagine for a moment that they can mould this North West by sending political nonentities here to take charge of public affairs. They must understand that we who have borne the brunt and burthen of the day have some ideas of our own – ideas formed under peculiar and trying circumstances and which can not be so easily eradicated as they may think.

Schultz is a d---n scoundrel and you know it. They have listened to him too long. If they would save themselves they will turn their ear to the less pretentious [??] cry the welfare of our province and not that alone of Dr. Schultz.

Let them be warned in time that [-------] may not occur in future as has been the case in the past. Patience is a virtue but flesh and blood cannot stand imposition always.

In my last I said I did not like the outlook of affairs. I am more and more impressed with that as the days roll by. Look sharp that a game is not in store for you and me. Royal had no business to put the questions he did. I have reason to believe it was a put-up job. That scoundrel of a clerk Spence took a copy of all the addresses to Ottawa with him, ordered to be made by the clerk we paid. And I believe he gave all to Royal I understand the Bishop has been much exercised about the extension of the boundaries and has been to work to prevent it. Hence I believe Royal's motions. Look sharp after them and be firm. We can not and will not remain as we are. I am more determined than ever that we must be dealt justly with. They cannot lose by so doing but have everything to gain and if they do not justice by us [?] the end of the next four years may tell against them and then it will too late

Regards to Brown Your ever sincere friend, D M Walker

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| G 8697 | A - 389 | March 16, 1880 | Letter | Smith, Donald | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he did not receive Mr. N.'s note to dine until he arrived home. |

Legible scrawl, probably Donald's penmanship

"8 O'Connor Street My dear Mr Norquay Accept my thanks for so kindly inviting me to dine with you last evening, an invitation I was denied the pleasure of accepting as I did not receive it till my return to Ottawa late last night, after spending a couple of days in Montreal. Always sincerely Donald Smith

To The Hon John Norquay Russell House, Ottawa

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| G 8697 | A - 390 | March 9, 1880 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Political matters. |

"My Dear Norquay Since you left what with the court and otherwise I have been so constantly engaged I have not had time to write you. Besides I was apprehensive you might not get through at all. I went through the Court speedily. The Grand Jury was dismissed the second day and the Pettit today. The papers have been trying to amalgamate ever since you left but have not as yet come to an understanding. This has been promoted by the interference of the miserable factions in the city. I think Mr. Rowe is beginning to get sick of them. They have acted contemptable in the extreme. They are so hellish dishonest themselves that they are suspicious of everybody and everything.

Rowe has the chance now of placing his paper on a business footing and no doubt will do so if not prevented by this d----d miserable clique. That crazy fool Bill Bathgate is the biggest fool in the box. He is determined to have Wright on the paper as Editor. Now although Mr. W is no doubt a clever writer yet I don’t think he will do for us or Mr. Rowe either. His personal aims are too great. I am sticking for Ham and will to the last. Its all very well to have the papers amalgamated but I don’t believe in sacrificing an old tried friend who has worked well and faithful in our cause again I don't choose to be dictated to by Mr Bathgate, a person who was eating porridge in Scotland when I was fighting the cause in Ontario. Its all very well but these fellows are too conceited for me. They aim too high altogether. I find this attempt at amalgamation has brought out numerous candidates for the Commons in expectation of Smith's being unseated and they are all to the fore in the negotiations and each want to be the father of the paper. Horn has agreed to give over the morning ----- and everything to Rowe conditional that he has the position of Editor for one year at a salary of $30 a week and Rowe paying him $3000 in $500 instalments of six months. Rowe I believe has agreed to this but the high flyers object. Rowe has it now in his own hands if he chooses to act and can make himself as he ought to be independent of a set of asses. I sincerely hope he will so act as it will eventually be the means of healing the breach in our party and ensure a good and lasting paper. Tuttle however must go to the wall. On seeing Royal's notice of questions to the Govt I telegraphed him to wait till you arrived but I see he trusted me not – perhaps he did not get my telegram

I don't like this nor the looks of things in general. If papers are correct we are to come out mighty -------[?]

Don't give up – persist – persist and persist. Tell them, d---n it – we must have arrangements You will see by the Globe that Biggs has been writing under the nom de plume Capital. I am sorry we ever advanced this scoundrel thief and liar. It was the greatest mistake we ever made or can make and proves the great necessity of our hereafter being more careful. Hurrah and Hurrah – the Times and Trib have arranged and the d—n faction are broken. Ham goes on the Times as Editor and all is satisfactory and Rowe independent to support us. You bet I will pile up patronage now -- & d—n the expense – the Times must and shall live and prosper – Tuttle is ------ -- one for me.

Yours sincerely D.M Walker

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| G 8697 | A - 391 | March 27, 1880 | Assessment Notice | Harris, J.W., Assessor City of Winnipeg | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Taxes on West halves Lots 30/31 Point Douglas Common. |

Total value of property -- $1500

Hon John Norquay West halves lots 30/31 Point Douglas Common

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| G 8697 | A - 392 | Jan. 18, 1880 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | His arrest for having liquor in his possession unlawfully. |

Your Honer Der Sir I am sorie to have to inform you about my welfare in the North West during the last few month past i had to leve my master on the tenth of November on a count of ben sick not ben abile to work after a month i was geting beter and was abell to travel[.] the mane [men] of the forse asked me to go in to Benton for liquor for them for crissmis for they wanted som respancibile person to go in and they though that i might do i thald them that i would go if it was all right so they thald me to go and see the commending officer my self to make sure and i dan so and the officer thald me to see the colonel and thald him about it he thald me that if had the permits to go and get it that he had no abjecton of me giving it to the mane [men] i Braught in 15 galenes [gallons] and sold it to them thald them what i would give it to them for Before Starting it was all right ontill the 26 December and my haus was Searched and Porson [portion] of my Permit was found in the hause But not much which i was taken before one of the oficers for having it in my pasesan [possession] unlofely [unlawfully] i thald him that i did not so my slagh [sleigh] was examined in front of the fort and was found corect and that i pade duty for all i braught in and had permits for all and that this was part of it so he sade that i would have to aper [appear] befor the commending officer the next day and i would have to give 200$ Bond before i cood go ham [home] that night i gave them and went hame the nex day i was Braught before them all the liquor was not Manced [mentioned] at all what was talked about the night Before the first thing the officer asked me was if i sold any of the liquor that i pack in i thald him that i thaught that was rather a queer queston to ask me after me theling [telling] him what was my Bisenes [business] before i started but as he ask me i would thell the truth and that i did so he sade that i was found gilty of goying [going] agints [against] the lase [laws] of the NW and that he would fine me 200$ for it i thald him it was prety stape [steep] for the farst ofence but i saposed that i would have to pay it But i did not think that it was fare so he braught it down to 100$ i pade it the risen [reason] why i took ther word for it they gave a sarten [certain] man hear last crismes [Christmas] the permisan [permission] to sell som liqur on crismes and it was all right that howe they roped me in and now after all this lang talk i want you to tell me who brake the law me or them i think myself that it is a Perfect Swindell it is not the money that i am talking about but the disgres [disgrace] i have brought on myself on ther account i am righting to you about this thing as a frand and i wish you to let me no what you think about it wether they have the atharity to give such Permisan or not the Pepal hear have ben talking about trying to get a giusts [justice] of the Pise [peace] independent of the palis farse [police force] they wanted me to right about it but i wanted to hear from you first for this is a wane sided Ringiming all the way thraw i wis [wish] you would look out for a plase [place] for me if there is any plase open for a man like me out heair?[here?] such as this farmers have i sa [saw] your frand Mr Setter out heair and ingeles there all right but harmless farmer engles is i think and now i must close hoping you will do your best for me there is a plase open now for a interpreter when the agent comes out if he das not bring one with him all my family are well and my self, hoping that this will find you and your family injoying the same blessing exques my poor hand righting as you no your self i am no educated man yours hambell sarvent

James F Sanderson

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| G 8697 | A - 393 | Jan. 26, 1880 | Letter | Martin, James | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Stating that his certificate has been withheld by the Board of Education because his work on Algebra was similar to Mr. Ingrams and asking Mr. N. to assist him to overcome the difficulty. |

Aspiring teacher, trouble with Algebra qualifications, asks for help in getting certificate – newly married, wife ill – 'Your admirer & humble servt James Martin"

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| G 8697 | A - 394 | Dec. 17, 1879 | Meeting Notice | Crombie, Mr. Secretary, A.F. & A.M. Prince Rupert's Lodge | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting on the 23rd inst. |

17th Dec form letter for meeting on 23rd Dec., to confer the F.C. degree on Ed. Davis

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| G 8697 | A - 395 | Jan. 15, 1880 | Letter | Boyd, A[lfred] | London, England | Norquay, John | Political and friendly matters. |

34 Bessborough --? Belgrave Rd London S.W.

My dear Norquay

I was glad to get yours of Dec 24, 79 and hear your own election troubles are all over and that suppose you are once more safe for a year or two unless you get another redistribution bill and go to the country. What a pill for Lusted! What a cruel thing to think he gave himself away for his country's good! According to Free Press a/cs. The whole Parliament supports you, barring 2 or 3. Talk of opposition, why there is none, it is more ridiculously small than ever. If I didn't know what a herd you had to lead or drive, what jealousies and envying, what underhand plots and open ill will you had to meet, I should think no Premier ever opened a new Parliament with such a janority. Its enough to make you think yourself an autocrat and that you can do as you 'darned' please. I hope you won't tax our land and our possessions in a desire to assimilate Manitoba to the position of more civilised countries.

Where is my Royal[?] Where is my dear 'confrère'? Is it possible he is on his wrong end? Are all my predictions upset and my Royal left out in the cold? And Dubuc made a judge and provided for life. Give my love to Girard and congratulate him from me on his [latest?] return to the [grip?] of Government….

Some fellow has been writing 3 columns of description of Winnipeg to the London Times – says it’s a future Chicago!!! Butters up Archbishop t. Don't mention 'Ruperts Land,' says Free Press is an abominable paper etc. I suppose in consequence H.B. shares have risen above par although he derides the Co for management of their lands…."

[If you come over, I can't give you a stopping place but I'll write letters of introduction – "Altho' of course your position as Premier is sufficient introduction to official persons. Yet there are a good many millions here who have never heard of Manitoba. Best wishes from yours very truly A. Boyd"

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| G 8697 | A - 396 | Feb. 2, 1880 | Letter | Setter, Colin | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Re: Wood. |

Dear John

I thought it my duty to write you a few lines as to how we are getting along with the wood business. I am getting along splendid now. I have about 25 cords hauld to the river I have only two teams drawing at present but I am getting another yoke of oxen today so I shall have three teams of my own. James Hourie and Duncan are one and I am going to get their teams for a couple of weeks so you see I shall hoop her in. Now supposing you was to take it of[f] my hands up her[e] what would you give a cord to me and I would see it on the boat up here I shall do it cheap as that way I am going to put in a big crop this spring. But don't put your self out any way about this for any way will suit me but I would rather it up here hoping your all well, I remain

your affectionate B. in law

Colin C. Setter

PS Please rite to me by return mail and let me know some of the news. CCS

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| G 8697 | A - 397 | Feb. 20, 1880 | Letter | Norquay, Bella St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Papa [Norquay, John] | Private note. |

"My dear papa

I hope you are quite well and I hope mamma is better let me know soon please for I feel very uneasy about her I hope she will be better before Wednesday and if you come for me please come on Thursday so that I will be down in time and please get me a pair of slippers to wear for I am going to wear my white dress and I nead [sic] slippers with it the number that I take in slippers are 5 If I go I am going to be Bella's bridesmaid she told me so that is if she did not chose one already give my love to all at home and tell mamma I am quite well I remain your loving

Daughter Bella

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| G 8697 | A - 398 | Jan. 3, 1880 | Letter | Secretan, J.H.E. Canadian Pacific Col. Ry. | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Applying for the Provincial Engineership. |

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Can.Pac.Col.Ry Dear Mr. Norquay I have been intending to apply to you for the 'Provincial Engineeership but refrained, as I understood you had already offered the appointment to Mr. Murdoch. In the event of his refusal will you kindly accept this hurried note as an application for the post? Yours very truly J.H.E. Secretan

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| G 8697 | A - 399 | Jan. 8, 1880 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he is coming up before the House meets. |

"Dear Norquay Are you coming up to pay your folks a visit before the House meets as I was intending to have a dance amongst the people & you perhaps would like to be present. Let me know please Yours

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| G 8697 | A - 400 | Jan. 6, 1880 | Letter | Hill Nash, W. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging letter of the 2nd inst. Stating they are going to organize a Conservative Club and asking Mr. N. and others to be present. |

My Dear Mr. Norquay I have yours of the 2nd Inst. Am much obliged for the information. We are going to organize a Conservative Association for this Division right away and have been talking the matter over. It is thought desirable to invite some of the leading Conservatives of Winnipeg to be present. How would it do to invite yourself Walker and Royal and perhaps some others you could suggest We want to have a big sendoff for the association. There are many young men who could be corralled by this means that now stand aloof. I suppose it would not do to have Scott. Clarke has been up here and made himself out the only Conservative in the Dominion. Party feeling runs so high here that no election can be run on 'no party' policy again in this Division. They have introduced it even in our approaching Municipal election and the devil himself cannot crowd it out. If you do not wish Royal to be present say so but let us hear from you on the subject. Yours fy W Hill Nash

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| G 8697 | A - 401 | Jan. 1880 | Letter & Brochure | Canadian Academy of Arts | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to become an Honorary Member. |

Same as last year – please subscribe/join

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| G 8697 | A - 402 | Jan. 22, 1880 | Letter | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in-law  - Norquay, John] | Stating he has been sick. |

"Dear Neestaw I have been sick again Just got out a few days when I was down again, it is a kind of epizootic, I can not stand the least exertion. My head nearly drives me mad – the small of my back seems not to be strong enough to hold my body up, what I am to do if this continues is more than I can tell, I was sorry to learn that James [?] is so poorly I hope he is better. Christy Bella is now down with my pet cold. I hope she will not suffer as long & hard as I have.\

I hope you will carry your government through all right, and maintain your hold on the country. I have heard that Joe Ryan has accepted office, so the county will have to look out for a rep People are wanting me out, but I know that I am not qualified. I am surprized that people think so much of my qualifications, if they knew as much about it as I do they would not bother me so, they say that I am the only man in the county that can take it, but I won't, good bye J.J. Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 403 | Jan. 30, 1880 | Meeting Notice | Jarvis, E.W. University of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting at Educational Offices on 2nd February re:  Land Grant. |

Request JN attend U of M meeting – Committee on Land Grant – 2 Feb at 2:00

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| G 8697 | A - 404 | March 2, 1880 | Letter | Carruthers, G.F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating as Mr. N. has lost his accident policy he will write to the head office for a duplicate. |

"As Mr Brock tells me you have lost your Accident Policy, I will write you a duplicate to the Head Office, as we cannot issue one here."

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| G 8697 | A - 405 | Jan. 21, 1880 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to assist Mr. Martin their teacher to procure permission to teach another year, as he did not get a certificate on account of some blunder of the Board of Education. |

"Dear Norquay As you are a member of the board of education I would be to request you to assist Mr. Martin our school teacher who is into great difficulty in not obtaining a certificate through some mismanagement of some party or other…." [we would like to retain him "until the examination of candidates comes off Wed. For I assure you we well appreciate his services as teacher for I know that the children are getting [sic] along well under his able tuition. I thought he would be all right in that respect therefore we the trustees had him hired for the next year." Wonders if trustee Mr. Armson wants to hire his son.

[ps] Jam Tate makes the Drummond Ball tomorrow night

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| G 8697 | A - 406 to A - 407 | [Items Missing] |  |
| G 8697 | A - 408 (a) | Nov.15, 1880 | Letter | Munro, R. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Indenture to be signed. |

Munro is Barrister & Solicitor, letterhead, flowing script by hand:

"My dear Norquay Re Norquay City

I now forward the Book Post agreement signed by Scarth and myself also two to be signed by you. You will please sign these and return to me. Be good enough to have them compared with the original before doing so. They will fully explain the draft sent up for your acceptance.

Scarth and I intend to buy and sell one fourth interest in the property for enough to cover the whole purchase money. If you have any suggestions that will facilitate sales, let me know. Yours truly R H R Munro

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| G 8697 | A - 408 (b) | Nov. 12, 1880 | Indenture | Munro, R., Scarth, W.B., Norquay, John |  |  | Indenture signed re purchase of SE 1/4 1-3-8W. |

Attached is Memorandum of Agreement, also handwritten, dated 12 Nov 1880, between Honorable John Norquay, William Bain Scarth of Toronto, and Richard H R Munro of Toronto – "whereas the parties hereto have purchased jointly (each owning one third) the southeast quarter of section one in the third township in the eighth Range west of the principal meridian, in the subdivision of Dufferin in the county of East Marquette … for the price of $600

And whereas the fee simple in the said land is vested in the said Munro, with a view of avoiding the trouble of having deeds signed by several persons

And whereas the purchase money was raised by a draft for $650…herewith drawn by said Munro on said Norquay payable to said Scarth on which draft the said parties hereto are all equally liable, the additional $50 above the purchase money being added to cover incidentals as discount, stamps, advertising &c…"

Land is "to be laid out on a plan in lots and to be called 'Norquay City' and this speculation is to be known as the Norquay City speculation…"

Proceeds to pay first the above draft, second Munro's expenses, third "the profits to be divided equally between the parties hereto…"

And loss to be divided equally too.

All 3 signatures are on the document, with witnesses

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| G 8697 | A - 409 | July 28, 1880 | Letter | Rykert, J.C. Barrister | St. Catharines, Ont. | Norquay, John | Province making Exhibit at Hamilton. Also personal invitation to attend Exhibition. |

Handwritten invitation from Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario to attend the provincial exhibition in Hamilton on 20 Sept-3 Oct – expect GG on 24 Sept.

Also wld give Assocn pleasure if MB "could make an exhibit of its productions"

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| G 8697 | A - 410 | July 28, 1880 | Letter | Russell, Lindsay, Acting Deputy Minister of Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Mr. Gowler, John Setter and James Wishart re: Letters Patent. |

Mr. Russell in impressive penmanship (secretary's?), great four-fold letterhead of Dept of Interior:

"Sir: on behalf of acting Minister of Interior, acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th inst, on behalf of Wm Gowler, John Setter, and James Wishart for the issue of letters patent to them of certain lots in rear of their respective farms, and further referring to a conversation with Colonel Dennis, the Deputy Minister, on the subject. It would, however, seem probable that you misapprehended Col. Dennis, as there is nothing in the Department to show that in such cases free grants and patents were to be given. Presumably Colonel Dennis meant that the owners of River lots, desirous of purchasing broken quarter sections in rear of the same, would each get the refusal, at current prices, of the part in rear of their respective lots."

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| G 8697 | A - 411 | Oct. 27, 1880 | Letter | Gowler, William | Assiniboine, Man. | Norquay, John | Patent. |

[presumably west of Red along Assiniboine River – perhaps High Bluff? ]

"Sir Have you got any information about the land, I wrote to you about as yet. Please let me know.

We are all well, and doing well.

Hopping that you and yours are the same. Sending you our kindest respects. Remaining your sincear friend William Gowler

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| G 8697 | A - 412 | 1880 | Letter | Topley Studio | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Payment of account due. |  |

"We beg to enclose this a/c and would say that we have this day sent the a/c to Mr Begg once more. Mr. Topley wishes me to say that he has often done work for Government but never had any difficulty, before, and trust you will be good enough to have the bills put through for us, The Topley Studio, Ottawa, Can.

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| G 8697 | A - 413 | Sept. 28, 1880 | Letter | Crosbie, W.F., Sec. Treas. Electoral Div of  Morris Agricultural Society | West Lynne | Norquay, John | Invitation to Exhibition. |  |

Invitation to first annual exhibition, 5 Oct next at noon

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| G 8697 | A - 414 (a) | Oct. 5, 1880 | Letter | Crawford, H.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for letter of recommendation for Mr. Crawford. |  |

"My dear Sir In writing Sir Chas Tupper ask him to use his influence with T.C. Patteson of Toronto in my favour as an applicant for the position of Agent of the Norwich Fire Insurance Coy of England. H C Patteson with Mr Scarth represent the Canadian board and unless they can agree on who shall receive the appointment it may be a long time before any office is opened here. Mr. Scarth as you know is in favour of my receiving the position and it only requires Patteson's name to make it sure for me. I have always been a good Conservative but have not used any favours from the Dominion Government so I think I am not asking much at Sir Charles' hand in this matter. Anything you can do for me in furthering my interest I shall much appreciate. Faithfully yours H.E. Crawford

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| G 8697 | A - 414 (b) | Oct. 6, 1880 | Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | [Tupper, Sir Charles] | Recommending H.E. Crawford for agency of the Norwich Fire Insurance Co. |  |

Letterhead of Provincial Treasurer's Office & handwritten my JN, with several strikeouts – presumably rewritten by Secretary and that later copy sent:

"My dear Sir A friend of mine Mr. H E Crawford late of Toronto but now of Winnipeg has requested me to ask you to kindly drop a line to H C Patteson of Toronto favouring his application for the position of agent of the Norwich Fire Ins Co of England of which it appears Mr. Patteson is a Representative on the Canadian Board. I may add that Mr. Crawford's character for probity is well established among our business men & feel warranted in saying that his conduct in any position of trust with which he may be honored will give entire satisfaction. Trusting that you may be able to comply with this request, I remain, very respectfully yours, J Norquay

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| G 8697 | A - 415 | Aug. 30, 1880 | Letter | Walker, N.O. | Port Dover On. | Norquay, John | Re: A chair as Lecturer in Comparative Anatomy & C. & C.W. |  |

"To the Hon J. Norquay, Premier…

Dear Sir I have thought I would like to become a citizen among you, and would like to be attached in some capacity to your Provincial University of Manitoba. I have had a very extended course, in the Faculty of Arts, in our Provincial University of Toronto, being Scholar & Gold Medalist.

I would like to have a chair as lecturer in Comparative Anatomy, Physiology & Botany – these were the subjects in which I was Gold Medalist in my University Course…."

Have been examiner in Anatomy since graduation, also for College of Physicians and Surgeons, and "I have kept apace with our Schoolmen" while practicing my profession, am in the medical directory of London, and thus wld like to apply if such a chair is added to the U of M

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| G 8697 | A - 416 (a) | June 27, 1877 | Letter | Bedford, James, M.D. | Emerson, Man. | O'Donnell, Mr. | Medical Examination. |  |

"To Hon J? O'Donnell

Sir I saw in the W—F—Press that there had been a meeting (medical) and that you were elected President and Dr. Lynch Register. I am not registered by the Register.

I cannot go to Winnipeg for the present. My wife is not able and will not be for sometime probably 8 weeks when I shall come and get registered. I was previous to my coming here but was not aware of a medical act in this province until informed by Dr Cowan in the winter…. Mssr Young Beddome & Baldwin are well aquainted with my practice the two latter Gents being under my treatment and councelled with the former and my diagnosis proved true. I have the Hon to be, Sir, Your …."

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| G 8697 | A - 416 (b) | [No Date] | Memo |  |  | Norquay, John | Note re: Dr. Lynch. |

*Attached to the above is an additional note, perhaps in JN's hand but probably not, headed "Interview with MD Dr Lynch*

"Registrar never applied officially but may have stated his intention to be examined made appln for registration & forwarded his degrees which are from an Eclectic College in Chicago which were returned & even then he did not ask to be examined. Board willing to examine if Dr Bedford takes the usual course required meetings for Exm twice a year 1st Feb 1st Aug – Bedford was prosecuted & on his assurance that he would apply for examination prosecution was not pressed."

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| G 8697 | A - 417 | July 27, 1880 | Letter | Diocese of Rupertsland Bishops Court | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Greater remuneration to Rev. Mr. McKenzie. |

Machray to JN

"My dear Mr. Norquay I thank you much for your kind note about Mr. McKenzie – I have also seen Mr. Adams.

When I was in England I spoke to the Hon. Secretary of the C.M.S. about this large family & I was encouraging him to get the Finance Com. here to propose an addition to his salary. This was done at once in our last year's estimates drawn up soon after my return.

We should have got the Home Comtee's sanction on most of our estimates by the beginning of the year – but there has had to be a very careful examn & considn of all the Society's work & expenditure & we only got their Report a week or so ago. They have sanctioned Rev McKenzie having £150 a year though our estimates have been reduced from last year's about 10 or 12 per cent.

Most of our clergy not any Indian norss? [?] but colonial do not now get above £100 a year.

But all this I can explain better when I see you.

The fact is that McKenzie has always practically had more than any other of our C.M.S. clergy of appointment in this country – as his excess of expenditure has been written off & and the Lonil [?] has not objected. I believe he has always been furnished with everything that he has written for – so that his difficulties are owing partly to some want of understanding or management on his own part. I am, very sincerely, R.Rupertsland"

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| G 8697 | A - 418 | Nov. 10, 1880 | Letter | VanKoughnet, D. Deputy of the  Superintendent General Canada Dept. of Indian Affairs | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | John Norquay as farming instructor in N.W.T. |  |

"Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ulto, recommending Mr. John Norquay for appointment to the position of Farming Instructor in the North West Territories, and to inform you that Mr. Commissioner Dewdney has been written to in the matter." [Premier John's cousin John]

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| G 8697 | A - 419 | Nov. 10, 1880 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard Merchant tailors and robe makers Est.1856 | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Friendly note on the subject of raising trees from nuts. |  |

Dear Norquay "We got home ok & finished up the beer as we went into Toronto. I saw my friend McPherson's head gardener he says make a trench not more than three inches deep & drop the nuts in & cover over lightly …." – tree planting from nuts

"kind regards & I hope you got home safely & found your family well."

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| G 8697 | A - 420 | Nov. 9, 1880 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. William Elliott from Glasgow. |  |

Letterhead: The North British Canadian Investment Company Registered office Glasgow Scotland Office of General Managers in Canada 32 Toronto St.

"My Dear Norquay This will be handed to you my Mr. William Elliott from Glasgow, who I was desirous of introducing to you yesterday. He goes with a view to looking out land for Scotch settlement. Will you kindly give him all the information you can. I have given him a similar letter to Honble Mr. McMicken. Yours sincerely "

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| G 8697 | A - 422 | 1880 | Receipt | Standard Life Assurance Company | [Montreal] | Norquay, John | Receipt for $37.16 premium for 1/2 years assurance of $2500.00. |  |

Received $37.10, the premium for ½ years assurance of $2500 on the life of The Honorable John Norquay, 4 Nov 1880-4 May 1881"

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| G 8697 | A - 425 | Dec. 18, 1880 | Letter | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Meestaw [Brother-in-law - Norquay, John] | Asking him to come up and bid at sale. |  |

"Meestaw [sic] I want you to put in a spoke for me at my sale. I will not bind you to hold what you may bid, please get Bannatyne or some other person whose influence would inhance [sic] the sale, if they will bid up a few. I will give him his choice free of any one of the lots he may bid up for that purpose.

Ann is again bed ridden for the last 8 days, the children are well. Keestaw J J Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 426 | Dec. 13, 1880 | Letter | Setter, Colin C. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter from Mr. N. and asking him to take a ticket for a raffle. |  |

"Dear John I recived [sic]your letter and was glad to see that you are good enough to give me a chance to make a little money, but I am sorry to say that I can't give you in a report of the place till I go out and see it as there has been such a change on the places since I was out there last owing to the high water from the Lake however I will try and send in a report on Saturdays mail.

I am going to have a Raffle on Thursday evening the raffle is a rame [?] of horses there is four prizes in the raffle that is the highest throw takes the mare second the horse and third the harness and lowest of all takes the Bobsleighs worth $38 at the last you are a lucky man you ought to take a ticket and I will throw for you my Tickets are $4.00 each I heard you were going to raffle of your little horse too if so please let me know where it is to be and I will chance a ticket on him Jemima send her love and respects

PS the mare is a very handsome mare seven years old

To you all and except the same from yours very truly Colin C. Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 427 | Dec. 13, 1880 | Telegram | Royal J. | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Re: Political affairs. |  |

Handwritten on NorthWestern Telegraph Co. form [could be 15 Dec?]

"Tupper speech five (5) hours last night most eloquent and conclusive monopoly don’t exist in fact Conservative party really approve arrangements not only as best could be done under circumstances but actually as very advantageous to Canada at large and especially to our portion of Dominion as to monopoly situation as railway lands would have been exempted as well from all taxation if Govt had continued McKenzie ruinous policy of constructing railway themselves lands exempt from taxation only & so long as they remain in hands of syndicate & you easily understand that their best interest to promote immediately large immigration & sell lands so as to have freight American railway policy same & has proved best Blake answers today"

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| G 8697 | A - 428 | Dec. 13, 1880 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to excuse him not attending meeting as he is called away to Portage la Prairie. |  |

"My dear Mr Norquay You will excuse my non attendance at the meeting tonight on account of having to go to the Portage on important business in the administration of justice. Advise Mr Leggo who was one of the Committee to wait on me. Tell Howard to have all the bills ready printed in English and French on my return Tuesday night see that this is done Sincerely yours D M Walker

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| G 8697 | A - 429 | Dec. 11, 1880 | Letter | Hart, Seaton & Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Asking the whereabouts of Capt. Vivian. Stating that they have forwarded letter & telegram to him but it has not been acknowledged. |  |

Sent letter and telegram to Captn Vivian R N c/o Hon J Norquay Winnipeg – the address he gave us, contained matter of importance – no acknowledgment – can't have reached him. "Can you give us any information as to his whereabouts?"

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| G 8697 | A - 430 | Dec. 9, 1880 | Letter | Cockran, Emma | St. Peters | Norquay, John | Asking for a loan of $2 or $3. |  |

"My Dear Sir Please sir may it please your immediate attention to grant my request in sending you this letter as you will remember dear friend you saw me last treaty you told me if I had the mony from my sister Mary Kennedy from London England so I told you I had them now please tell me if you received any letter from her since, now dear Sir, I tell now I am very poorly my son is sick Adam and the other he went off in the lake last November is not back yet. Now dear sir please I ask your assistance I will pay you back please send down $2 or 3 dollars it would give me a great help about Bella my grandchild tell me how they are please send me a letter and put the money in if you grand [grant] my request send my compliments to your wife and children

I am your truly Emma Cockran Poor Widow

Dear Sir please send me answer soon as possible [sic]

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| G 8697 | A - 431 | Dec. 8, 1880 | Letter | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | The terms of the Syndicate such as to prevent our trade being carried away to American Channels. |  |

"My dear Norquay I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd instant. You will not be at all alarmed about the syndicate. The terms of the Contract are such that it is for the interest of that Body to prevent our trade being carried away to American Channels. In haste, yours faithfully John A Macdonald" [different hand and pen than the letter itself, which was written presumably by a secretary]

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| G 8697 | A - 432 | Dec. 3, 1880 | Letter | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of favor of 23rd & stating he has instructed Col. Dennis to keep Disbrowe on during the winter. |  |

"My dear Norquay I have your of the 23rd ult. I instructed Col. Dennis some time ago to keep Disbrowe on during the winter. Yours faithfully John A Macdonald per F.W"

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| G 8697 | A - 433 | Dec. 2, 1880 | Letter | Munro, Richard H.R.barrister & solicitor | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he has sent a photo of Sir John over to Scarth's office as he promised to send it with some books he is sending to his company at Winnipeg. |  |

"My dear Norquay I sent over to Scarth's office some days ago, a large photo of Sir John that I promised you when you were in Toronto.

Scarth was sending up some books for his company to Winnipeg and kindly offered to send the photo also. When you get it, let me know if it comes all right. It is a most excellent likeness and I hope you will get it without being damaged.

I would much like to have one of yourself, so I hope you will not forget me. Yours faithfully R.H.R. Munro

Thanks for your good wishes for my future state which I hope may soon be realised.

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| G 8697 | A - 434 | Dec. 2, 1880 | Letter | Pernet, G.M. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter dated 30 Nov. & stating his father has informed him Mr. N. has $20.00 which he is to hand him as a Xmas box. |  |

"Mr Norquay Esq My dear sir Your letter of Nov 30 is to hand and I was very much pleased to hear from you it did not supprise me much as Father had written to me and told me that he had given you $20.00 to forward to me for a Christmas Box let me thank you kindly for the interest you take in my welfare I am staying with a gentleman by the name of Mr Parker and I intend to take up land in the spring if all is well In wishing you a Merry Exmas [sic] and a Happy New Year, Good bye, I remain

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| G 8697 | A - 435 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Letter | Yeomans, J.N. Confederation Life Association | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of premium falling due on 1st Nov. |  |

"Dr Sir Will you kindly attend to your life premium in above company today. It was due 1st Novr"

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| G 8697 | A - 436 | Nov. 29, 1880 | Letter | Newcomb, Geo. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Sec.35 Tp.13 R6W. |  |

"Dear Mr Norquay Regarding the Flea Island about which we were speaking – I would say that it is Sec 35 – Tp 13 Range 6 West price $5.00 per acre – Patent issued?—

Cannot give description of wood, hay, & farming land on it as Have never had it surveyed but do not think there is more than fifty acres of Hay land on it if so much but you have a personal knowledge of it and I am sure that you will agree with me in saying it is one of the best general purpose sectn in the Province.

The well I had dug had plenty of good water. – Yours in haste Geo Newcomb"

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| G 8697 | A - 437 | Nov. 27, 1880 | Letter | O'Brien, J.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Giving his address at Ottawa & stating where he can get interview with party alluded to. Will write. |  |

"Dear Sir/ I intend leaving here for Ottawa the first of next week, and if you deem it expedient to answer that letter in question, please send it to my address 100 Willbroad Street Ottawa.

When I can obtain an interview with that party alluded to, I will write you immediately. Yours very truly J.S. O'Brian [en?]

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| G 8697 | A - 438 | Nov. 27, 1880 | Meeting Notice | Grisdale, John St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting at St. John's College. |  |

Printed form – notice of meeting of Mission Board, Wed 1 Dec at 3:00 (Regular Quarterly Mtg)

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| G 8697 | A - 440 | Nov. 27, 1880 | Letter | Holland, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Applying for a position as Gov't. Messenger. |  |

Applying for office of "Government Messenger" References R A Davis, and A.H Witcher Esq.

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| G 8697 | A - 441 | Nov. 18, 1880 | Letter | Davin, Nicholas Flood | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he presented the introduction to Goldwin Smith? |  |

"My dear Norquay Did you present the introduction to Goldwin Smith? Please let me know at once. Yours truly Nichs Flood Davin

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| G 8697 | A - 442 | [No Date] | Letter | [Setter, J.J.] | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Mustaw [Brother-in-law - Norquay, John] | Asking for money. |  |

"Dear Neestaw I am sorry to be looking for you this way but I require new money, you will find this account larger than the first, I omitted some items then, & I see that the Council has paid $5. for the use of each polling place & when those from whom I got the places see it they will suspect that I did not do the square thing by them & so have put in a change in the a/c to correspond. I know that the Council must pay these accts but I cannot be waiting until you & them settle this matter; they will be intitled [sic] to a portion of the license money, pay as much of this & charge it to them. J.J.S

For goodness sake do not delay [---- -] the money."

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| G 8697 | A - 443 (a) | [No Date] | Letter | Begg, Alex[ander] | [City (Winnipeg) Man] | Norquay, John | Re: An amount of $73.00. | 2 pp. |

"My Dear Mr Norquay I enclose a letter from Mr McArthur about the $73.00 I spoke to Nursey and he is to see you & trace up the money. He had better go down himself to the HBCo. In the meantime Adams must have the money. If you can arrange with him to have the amount with interest from day of collection deposited to his credit in the bank to draw interest hereafter we will do this as soon as I return from the Portage. We will have to fix it somehow. I would not go only I have an appointment at Headingly at 4 o'clock. Yours truly Alex Begg

George Roy has accounts and check books but anything not sure of I told him to retain until I return which will be on Sunday. AB"

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| G 8697 | A - 443 (b) | July 29, 1880 | Letter | MacArthur, D.,  Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Begg, A. | Re: Deposit of $73.00 not found. |  |

[To] A Begg Esq My dear Sir: In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to say that we do not find on referring to our books that the amount you mention -- $73 – was deposited at all. There is no such amount in Mr Norquay's account nor have we any deposit in the name of H.C. Adams – in fact we can find no trace of it. Yours very truly, D MacArthur

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| G 8697 | A - 444 | Nov. 26, 1880 | Letter | Austin, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Toast to "Pioneer Scotch Settlers" at University Dinner. |  |

At our anniversary dinner on Tuesday evening 30th inst "you are expected to respond to the Toast, 'Pioneer Scotch Settlers' " [Austin of Spadina, business leader: 'our' might be our city, or our company etc]

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| G 8697 | A - 445 | Nov. 22, 1880 | Letter | Setter, John Jas. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Meestaw [Brother-in-law - Norquay, John] | Asking Mr. Brown & Mr. Norquay's assistance re: money matters. |  |

My Dear Neestaw I have written to Brown about endorsing I was going to sell my lands & get out of debt but then the road turned in to here I could not think of selling for $1500, which I was going to take, now my lands are worth some $8,000 dollars this very day, & I ask the assistance of you and Brown until I get about a it, I have had a terrible time with Ear ache & neuralgia I got no sleep for 19 nights but the last two I have been better, but still pretty bad I cannot get far out in the cold, Ann is again down, she has not been out of bed for three days, however I am glad to say that she is easier tonight. Yours truly John Jas Setter

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| G 8697 | A - 446 | Nov. 20, 1880 | Collection Notice | Merchants' Bank  of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating they have a draft made by Alex Begg on Mr. N. for $47.00. |  |

Form: " We have received for collection a draft made by Alex Begg on you for $47.00, please to call and accept. To Hon John Norquay [sgd] Duncan MacArthur Manager"

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| G 8697 | A - 447 | Nov. 19, 1880 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Asking to be appointed as Registrar. |  |

"Dear Norquay Some time ago when in town during your absence at Ottawa in conversation with Walker in regard to the extension of the Province, I spoke about those who would be appointed as Registrars of the new Counties, etc, I would like you to give me such an appointment and think as one who has been in harmony with your & your Govt that I can ask with some degree of success, Trusting your kind consideration, and an early reply I remain, Yours sincerely [sic] J A K Drummond

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| G 8697 | A - 448 | Nov. 19, 1880 | Letter | Munro, Richard, H.R. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Norquay City. |  |

"Re Norquay City

Dear Norquay It occurs to me that an opportunity may offer whereby you can put in a word [to] the Chief Engineer of the South Western Railway as to having a station at 'Norquay City.' You have the description of the lot in the agreement. I have no doubt you could ascertain without much difficulty if the line will run near there and if it does it would not be much of a compliment to have a station there. You can use your own judgment as to offering the land requisite for such a purpose. I have written [?nalten?] up about the plans. Yours truly …"

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| G 8697 | A - 449 | Nov. 19, 1880 | Letter | Sanford, W.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Southwestern Ry and payment of $1200 - on the same. |  |

Queen's Hotel stationery "The Palace Hotel of the North-West" O'Connor & Brown Proprietors First Class Livery Attached"

"My Dear Mr. Norquay I learn the SouthWestern people will not be up for some days. The amt paid on this stock I learn is ten percent instead of fifteen percent as I thought. I have instructed Mr. J. A. M. Eakins [sic] who has charge of my business to pay the [trettoo?] hundred dollars as arranged. I shall I trust have at an early day a second opportunity of acknowledging your many kindnesses to me. Yours faithfully W.E. Sanford

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| G 8697 | A - 450 | [No Date] | Letter | McMicken, G. | City (Winnipeg) Man. | Norquay, John | Different votes for different parties for legislative honors. |  |

Printed letterhead: "The Real Estate Loan and Debenture Co., Winnipeg 188---"

"Private My Dear Norquay – As I told you yesterday I tell you now that Alex McMicken will not vote for Woodworth – You can't expect him to vote for Howell He will probably stay away until about 4 P.M. when if necessary he will vote McMillan – He controls at least 11 votes – one of these was Girdleston and he told Girdleston to vote as he pleased & he is a supporter of Howells. In like manner he will act with the others –

Hamilton, I have appealed to and I am sure now that neither he nor those he controls that number between 30 & 40 will vote for Woodworth.

Make no talk about them – but rely on what I have told you – In haste Yours sincerely G McMicken

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| G 8698 | A - 451 | Aug. 7, 1880 | Memo & Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Offering certain lands in Pembina Country. | 3 pp. |

Letterhead – William H. Ross, Arthur W. Ross, A.C. Killam, Alex. Haggart Barristers

"Dear Mr Norquay Please find enclosed memorandum as to our Land in Pembina country. We shall be willing to accept a moderate profit. Ten p.c. of the purchase money is paid. The land is in belt D. We should require a refund of money paid and a sum in cash as our profit. Should your company wish to purchase we will make you an offer. Yrs truly Ed. P. Leacock"

Memo: "Secs 31, 33, 35.19, 21, 17 & 9 in Twp 4 Range 12 West

Secs 3,25,31,33 &35 in Tp 4 Range 13 West

Secs 1,3 & 5 in Twp 6 Range 11 West

Sec 7 in Twp 6 Range 6 West"

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| G 8698 | A - 452 | Aug. 3, 1880 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. Secretary, G.N.W.  Tele Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the incorporation of the G.N.W.Tele & Co. |  |

No letterhead

"Private Dear Sir A meeting of the incorporators of the Great North Western Telegraph Company will be held at the offices of J.A.M. Aikens Solicitor to the Company on Thursday the 5th Inst at 8 p.m. Certain arrangements with the Dominion Government render it likely the Charter will be a valuable property but as prompt action is required in order to firmly secure our privileges the necessity of immediate organization will be clear to you. With this in view it will be necessary for the incorporators to meet and decide how much stock they wish to take before the books are opened to the Public. And the Directors instruct me to beg you to be present at the meeting. Yours truly Ed. P Leacock, Secretary"

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| G 8698 | A - 453 | Aug. 5, 1880 | Letter | Spence, Andrew [County Municipality Portage Laprairie [sic] | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Statute Labor. Mr. N. to provide for the same in the Municipality of Portage la Prairie. [as Manager of C.Adams estate]. |  |

Statute Labor District No 33

"Hon John Norquay Manager of C. Adam Estate

Dear Sir You are hereby notified to be present on the Public highway at or near the farm of W.G. Alcocks on Thursday the 12th day of August with a shovel at the hour of 8 o'clock a.m. You are to furnish 2 days statute labor or commute within three days after this notice at the rate of $2.00 for each day …." Andrew Spence Overseer

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| G 8698 | A - 454 | Aug. 3, 1880? [Year not certain] | Telegram | Setter, John J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | "Shall I go down to Winnipeg". |  |

Manitoba Telegraph Co form – Ed. P. Leacock SecTreas; J.S. Aikins Pres.

"Should I go down to Winnipeg" John J. Setter

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| G 8698 | A - 455 | Aug. 9, 1880 | Telegram | Little, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he has examined and reported on by letter lands required. |  |

"I have examined and reported on by letter lands required"

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| G 8698 | A - 456 | Aug. 10, 1880 | Letter | McMurrich, W. [Barclay] | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Inquiries into the will of Andrew Wilson. |  |

Letterhead: North British Canadian Investment Company Solicitor's Office – McMurrich, Howard & Andrews

"My dear Sir: I duly arrived here last week – and have enjoyed my whole trip very much indeed. I have to thank you specially for all your kindness to me while in Winnipeg and I trust some day to have an opportunity of repaying the same I made enquiries at once in regard to the will of Andrew Wilson but Mr McDougall the solicitor …was away and it was only today I could get the information you wanted. I forgot what your friends name was. If it is Andrew Wilson Edsall – then he gets nothing – if it is Andrew Wilson Maxwell then there is a legacy of $1000.00. On the chances agreeable to your request I wire you today the above information – If your friend has some other name let me know in reply & I will see to it – Anything further required I will be happy to attend to Yrs truly W B McMurrich"

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| G 8698 | A - 457 | Aug. 9, 1880 | Letter | Bulmer, Henry | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Friendly note treating on different subjects. |  |

"My Dear Sir When I saw you in Montreal I fully expected, as I mentioned, to pay a visit to Manitoba this summer. I find however that for several reasons, amongst others the Dominion Exhibition to be held here next month, I shall not be able to go at all events until late. I am, unfortunately for myself, on the management of the exhibition and feel considerable interest in the character of the show to be made from your province. I do hope you will see that it is made as full as possible and that it will reflect the highest credit on the country generally as well as on the parties making the collection.

I have just written to Andrew Maxwell to inform him of a little stroke of good fortune befallen him in the shape of a legacy of one thousand dollars left him by the late Mr. Andrew Wilson who died in Toronto a few weeks ago. I am under the impression you knew Andrew Wilson. He was a cousin of Andrew's father and Andrew was named after him.

I know you have been a good friend to Andrew and have often helped him and given him good advice. I hope you will continue that relation to him and by your influence to have him use the money to get a good start at something that will be for his permanent good and that of his family. I strongly advised him to consult you before doing anything. I hope you will excuse the liberty I have thus taken. I told Andrew that we would find out in a few days when the executors would pay the money and let him know. We will arrange it so that the money will be paid without his coming so far. It will be better for himself and will save his time and money.

I hope you are getting on smoothly and satisfactorily with your provincial affairs and that the railroad matters are progressing as rapidly as you could expect. With best regards, I remain dear Sir, Yours very truly, Henry Bulmer"

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| G 8698 | A - 458 | Aug. 23, 1880 | Letter | Beddall, Thomas | Montreal Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. A.B. Hellyer and his brother. |  |

Introducing a nephew of Mrs. Beddall – A.B. Hellyar – grew up as a farmer in Cornwall, England, has been "for the last few years… in a Country born Merchants office where he has gained some considerable experience…." & his brother also on the "lookout"

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| G 8698 | A - 459 | Aug. 23, 1880 | Letter | White, Thos. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Messrs. Hellyar. |  |

Letterhead Montreal Gazette Business Dept Richard White Managing Director

Introducing Hellyars as well – nephews of Beddall – "one of our largest grain merchants, and a great friend of the Ogilvies whom you know…."

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| G 8698 | A - 460 | Aug. 25, 1880 | Meeting Notice | Grisdale, Canon St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Diocesan Mepin [?] Board. |  |

Meeting of Diocesan Mission Bd on 1 Sept at 3:30

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| G 8698 | A - 461 | Sept. 2, 1880 | Letter | Collins, Thos. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking that Mr. N. use his influence to get advertising of Scarth purchase of lands and asking [re: appt. of  magistrate]. |  |

"Dear Sir: As I have a tolerable good circulation; and as to carry on the present business I require all the help I can get, I beg you will kindly use you endeavors to get me an advertisement of the Company for the purchase of lands mentioned by Mr. Scarth during his last visit with you.

I would also respectfully ask you should an appointment of a magistrate be made for this district…." Consider me. "I have at present nearly all the work, and the position would be a great help to me, at the present rather hard times. Yours very truly

Thos. Collins

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| G 8698 | A - 462 | July 2, 1883 | Form Letter | Thos. Frankland Secretary Rockwood Electoral Division Agricultural Society | Stonewall Man |  | Soliciting aid for the exhibition of the coming year. |  |

If patrons donate generously, the govt grant will be higher. We received the highest provl grant last year – and were "the banner society" at the Provl Ex in PlP last year.

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| G 8698 | A - 463 | June 1883 | Order Forms | Morgan, Henry J. [Dominion Annual Register and Review] | Ottawa, Ont. | Gov't. of Manitoba Lt. Gov. of Manitoba | Request for copies of Revue and account for $30.00. |  |

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| G 8698 | A - 465 | Sept. 22, 1880 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Skinner. |  |

Letterhead: "North British Canadian Investment Co Registered Office Glasgow, Toronto

"My dear Norquay This will introduce …Mr. Skinner…

I congratulate you on your success in Selkirk – Smith must have been dreadfully chagrined…." Yours very sincerely, W B Scarth

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| G 8698 | A - 466 | Sept. 3, 1880 | Letter | Setter, John Jas. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in-law, Norquay, John] | Friendly family communication. |  |

"My Dear Neestaw I am happy to inform you that Ann is better, all the feaver is gone, she is very week [sic] yet, but with care, and Kitchen Medicine, she will soon be herself again, her sight has not improved.

Christy Bella's hooping cough is still pretty bad. Maurice is well, Mr. Miller has left yesterday, I fear that he will not make a fortune at farming, he has taken out too much of the luxuries and too little of the necessaries, for farming, for instance $370 worth of furniture and only 1 plow, no harrow, he had 15 cartloads of stuff & not a bit of farming impliments, Yours truly John J Setter

PS I will be down on Tuesday next"

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| G 8698 | A - 468 | Sept. 11, 1880 | Telegram | Begg, A[lexander] | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Congratulations. |  |

North Western Telegraph Co Wisconsin – telegraph form:

"Greeting congratulations You have done well Lucky as usual A Begg"

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| G 8698 | A - 469 | Sept. 5, 1880 | Letter | [Begg, Alexander] | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | All different matters of business. | 5 pp. |

Letterhead of "The Grand Pacific Hotel, Jno Drake & Co Proprietors"

"My Dear Mr Norquay We reached here this morning & have to stay here till tonight. I have put up at the Grand Pacific to show William [Pruden – see Ogilvie letter, 20 Sept 1880] the wonders. You never saw anyone so amazed as he is – he is perfectly wonder-struck and will not move away from a spot without me he is so simple-minded that he amuses me but he is a very intelligent man and keeps notes of everything in a book – he is a fine fellow and the more I see of him the better I like him. I impress upon him the fact that it is your desire that he be well taken care of and shown everything as a mark of love from you to your own people, and I will follow that up – for it is Lisgar I'm after for you ---

Now in regard to the accounts I think you ought to get Geo Roy to give you a weekly statement of cheques issued on each appropriation so as to keep a check on the expenditure. If you keep the appropriations all right till I come back I will be able to make up a fine Public Accounts this year. [civil service begins] Do not pay any accounts for Exhibit except $40 to Mulholland & $20 to band. Ask them to wait my return. It is not much for them to do and I have left very little to pay. Please be sure and get the balance of money from agents Kennedy Fraser Bradley & Hay and also the money from Clinnett [?Winnett?] You will need it for Brown Oldfield & Co -- & be sure to have the samples of grain sent down in time by Express. I am going to see the Express Company for reduced rates & if I succeed will write you.

I had to use a part of my $200.00 to pay off my men and other accounts and so must ask you to let Mrs. Begg have some money if she wants it. I only left her with a little. I have written her to go to you when she needs any. There is another thing I want you to do & it is the last – I want you to pay Stobart Eden & Co $50.00 for me. This will be all till I come back and I won't allow my a/c to be overdrawn at end of the year.

How are you getting on with the election? Do write me a line if only one for I am anxious. I am going to Ottawa before I return and you bet I will put matters in their proper light there. It is dreadfully warm weather here but the American Customs have been very kind and allowed me to have the cars open and Keith can go into them at any time. Keith is a splendid man -- & now good-bye. I am going to make another hit for you and for me this year & you will see I'll do it.

Take good care of my little wife & don't see her starve will write you again from Toronto am almost smothered here

Yours affectionately Alex Begg

I wrote Bannatyne about samples from England AB

Respects to Mr Walker & Mr Brown AB

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| G 8698 | A - 470 | Sept. 14, 1880 | Letter | Pruden, John P. | Selkirk, Man. | Cousin [Norquay, John] | Getting some moss for Mr. Bannatyne. |  |

"Dear Cousin I supose [sic] you are aware that I have to get the Moss for Mr Bannatyne as I expect – my father wrote me before leaving Winnipeg that I was to get thirty sacks of moss in two weeks from the time he started and deliver to Mr Bannatyne's or Store. So I started out to Brokenhead River last Thursday morning to get the moss and after geting there the weather turned out so bad that it detained me till Monday morning So you see this is where the delay is I left the Boat out there to the Indian I expect him up with the moss tomorrow morning As soon as it comes I will take it right up to Winnipeg I supose you will now [know] best what to do wheather to let Mr Bannatyne know or not if you please Your truly John P Pruden

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| G 8698 | A - 471 | Sept. 11, 1880 | Letter | Adams, C. | Pas Post | Neestaw [Brother-in-law, Norquay, John] | Private family matters. |  |

"Pas Post Dear Neestaw I have sent off or rather your sister has made arrangements with Mrs McDonald & Mrs Ballendin for Feathers. Think nearly 40 lbs which McDonald writes me he has sent off already to Grand Rapids to your address. Hope you will get it all right.

C Commissioner Graham was here last night - & since the 7th I have had very little sleep on account Ind Payment – (took in over $2900.00 in 2 days, private)

Two Boats Indians gone in to Man: - Can't have much – only $405.00 not got in by us here & same success elsewhere. The C.C. was very good & civil.

Looking out for the Northcote to come down every moment – River as high as ever I saw it except on my arrival & it is now rising again, the country all Lake, no hay can be made – At Edmonton 8 days ago water rose 16 ft perpdr [perpendicular] in one night – so our Mr Graham told me – In 24 days here it has raised 23 –

Yr sister's leg is worse than ever it has been – able to walk tho' – Horace well & Joseph ditto – Charles [Charlotte?] don't forget her Auntie about when she put [feel?] her hand & often speaks of it - & looking at yr photo she recognises you & says 'Charles' Uncin [Micin?]

Got your letter in reference to Horace's money – glad of it

Hargrave tells me A. Spence's property is heavily mortgaged & must be about in for $1000.00 please will you be on guard

H B Steamer will run twice up this river yet after coming down this time

Kind love to you all & hope to see you out next summer – mind –

Your aft Keestaw C A Adams

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| G 8698 | A - 472 | Nov. 30, 1880 | Telegram | Farigand, Col. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Meeting him at Queens after arrival of train. |  |

Telegram from St Paul to Hon J Norquay, Premier of Manitoba

"If you can meet me tonight at Queens after arrival of the train Col Farigana [d?]"

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| G 8698 | A - 473 | Sept. 24, 1880 | Letter | Saunders, B.[tailor] | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he has given John Burns of Toronto a letter of introduction to Mr. N. etc. |  |

"Dear Norquay" have given letter of intro to you to John Burns of Toronto – he is "of the bashful kind & yet a Scotchman & one of the best he is independent worth thousands & travelling for pleasure. Kindly pay him a little attention & you will find him one of the best informed men you ever met he is a tall fairly stout & a good looking fellow with a smile for every one. We are very busy Toronto never had a finer fair My brother had full charge of Manitoba one day I had it the next I missed the pemican [sic] & it was really needed Begg is in Montreal expect him back on Sunday My kind regards tell Horace he never wrote that letter prudence? Wanted? [? Wondered] at the big crowds he saw Yours truly B ev [?] Saunders

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| G 8698 | A - 474 | Sept. 20, 1880 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Introducing Capt. I.W. Vivian of London, Eng. |  |

"My Dear Norquay I take advantage of our friendship and introduce to you Captn J. W. Vivian [?] of London England who visits Manitoba with the intention of settling and no one can give him so much information or good advice as you can, he may not wish to begin before next spring. If so try to get him a good place to board down the river for the winter with a good farmer where he can learn something of farming, or you might be able to get him employment of some kind for the winter, as he is very anxious to do something. His brother in law is one of the largest grain men in London and buys largely from us, so the Captain may yet be able to do a wheat business in Manitoba.

William Pruden is having a big time of it, I drove him to Lachine yesterday and he enjoyed it very much. He will give you all the news on his return. You did bravely in Selkirk and have done yourselves credit that will not soon be forgotten.

Mrs. Ogilvie is much improved by her trip to Manitoba. Kindest regards to all.

Yours very truly W.W. Ogilvie

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| G 8698 | A - 475 | Sept. 20, 1880 | Letter | O'Brien, John S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for upholding the policy of Sir John Macdonald which he believes is a policy which will make Canada a great & prosperous nation. |  |

"Sir Having heard your speeches upon the public platforms, on several occasions, during Captain Scott's election contest, and pointing out in strong language the advisability of upholding the policy of Sir John Macdonald's Government, and I am glad to see the Conservative element so ably vindicated by yourself and colleges [colleagues] in this prairie province, and I now return you many thanks for your indefatigable exertions during the contest." [Scott victory in Selkirk]

"…The formation of a Syndicate in England embracing the four most powerful Nations of Europe for the purpose of constructing our great Continental Railway will have a great effect upon the development of this great Northwest Territory.

I am glad to see the large amount of drainage, Bridges and other public improvements in this Province since your Administration came into power….

I hope that the Conservatives shall always be united on similar occasions….

I have the honor to be sir, Your obedient servant, …"

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| G 8698 | A - 477 | Sept. 25,1880 1880 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Advertisement in "Times" re Poles. |  |

"See advertisement for pole in Times this contrary to your agreement with Tupper & must be a mistake wire to Ottawa as it may injure our Company if not stopped at once Get Brown to wire Tilley E P Leacock

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| G 8698 | A - 478 | Sept. 27, 1880 | Letter | Cook, Thos. | Westbourne | Norquay, John | Asking for assistance to build a church. Sent subscription of $5.00. |  |

Dear Sir Having plunged into a difficult understanding I call upon your honour to stretch out your mighty hand for help. During your political tour to this neighbourhood I gave you a hint that I would appeal to you for aid in raising a new church. Have you it in your power to do anything? We are now about to begin the work & we are in want of funds. Do, please, sir give us a little help. You may perhaps at some future day seek our aid in some of your political moves. Hitherto we have been ready to do what we can for you in that line. Altho you are serving us in many ways, we still ask you if you cannot help us in this matter. Please reply -- & in haste excuse me, Yours faithfully…"

[annotation on back: "Subn sent $5.00 30 Sept 1880" and, on another spot, a column of sums, perhaps related, perhaps not – amounting to $221]

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| G 8698 | A - 479 | Sept. 3[or 30?]1880 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Will have wheat, oats & barley ready for the Manitoba which will be there today. |  |

Handwritten, scrawl "Dear Norquay I will have the wheat, oats & barley ready for the 'Manitoba' which will be here today, no rye grown here (except Oly Rye) on her way up & will get it down in tie the 6th as Begg asks, In haste, Yours truly …

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| G 8698 | A - 480 | Oct. 4, 1880 | Letter | Allen, Chas. Wm., Secretary, Working Men's Liberal Conservative Union of Canada, Winnipeg Central Lodge No. 20 | City (Winnipeg) | Leacock, Edwd. P. Secretary, The Selkirk Club | Re: Mr. Howell as the candidate of Selkirk Club at the forthcoming election for the Legislative Assembly. Club wishes to hear his political views before taking action. | 3 pp. |

To Edward P Leacock, Esq, Secty, The Selkirk Club

"Dear Sir I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., containing intelligence of the nomination of Mr. Howell as the candidate of the Selkirk Club at the forthcoming election for the Legislative Assembly, and it will in due course be laid before the next meeting of the Working Men's Union.

Having shown your communication to the President of our Lodge, I am directed by him to inform you that, while probably no personal objection would be raised against Mr Howell by the members of our organisation, it is very desirable, in his opinion, that the basis of your nominee's claims to the support of our Lodge should be plainly stated, and still more important that he should express his views in a public address before we take action either to support or oppose a gentleman altogether new to public life in Manitoba and therefore one whose qualifications as a representative are involved in uncertainty.

I am further directed to suggest the following points as the most important upon which a candidate's opinions will have to be elicited before the support of our Union can be pledged, viz:

1. Is Mr. Howell a supporter of the dogma of 'No Party Issues' in Provincial politics?

2. Will he support a Government which subsidises newspapers actively opposing the policy of Sir John Macdonald in the North-West?

3. Will he enter the contest pledged to the support of the Hon. John Norquay's Government? …."

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| G 8698 | A - 481 | Oct. 1880 | Premium Notice | Standard Life Assurance Company | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Premium falling due. $37.10 on 4th Nov. |  |

Form letter with blanks filled in handwriting

Premium of $37.10 due on 4 Nov. and last day for payment is 4 Dec. Mr Howard, agent, has renewal receipt.

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| G 8698 | A - 482 | Oct. 7, 1880 | Letter | Allen, Chas. Wm. Secretary, Working Men's Liberal Conservative Union of Canada Winnipeg Central Lodge No. 20 | City (Winnipeg) | Leacock, Edwd. P. Secretary, The Selkirk Club | Mr. Howell rejected as a candidate for Legislative honors & Woodsworth sustained. |  |

To Leacock again: "Dear Sir I have the honour to inform you that, at the regular weekly meeting of the above Lodge, held yesterday, the first vice-president in the chair, the nomination of Mr. Howell came up for consideration, and was rejected by a unanimous vote. The meeting subsequently resolved nem.con. to endorse the nominee of the Winnipeg Conservative Club (Mr. Woodworth), and to assist in his election to fill the vacant seat in the Legislative Assembly."

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| G 8698 | A - 483 | Oct. 4, 1880 | Letter | Millard, A.L. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to do what he can for Mr. Lybourg (?). |  |

Please introduce Mr. Lybourne [? ] "a stranger in a strange land" – esp to "Bannatyne the Hon A.G."

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| G 8698 | A - 485 | Oct. 10, 1880 | Letter | Brown, James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. for his photograph, etc. |  |

Rough paper, rough scrawl, to Hon John Norgay Wenipeg [note Norgay or Norquy]

"Dar sir I wish you to send me one of your liknesses I am goying to sind it to my brother a crose the mountain my brother Thomas was a grate frend of your late Father Thearfore it will sho him the kind of men we hav for ower premiear in this Province We are all well and doing well I wis you the sam and no whisk at P P [Portage la Prairie] and all sober

I am yours T James Brown PP"

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| G 8698 | A - 487 | Oct. 16, 1880 | Power of  Attorney | Todd, Albert | Qu'Appelle, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Power of Attorney re: sale of lot in St. Clements to  Dom. Gov't. |  |

4-page form, Power of attorney from Albert Todd to JN, via Bain & Blanchard Wpg

"I Albert Todd of Qu'Appelle in the North West Territory formerly of St Clements Parish in the province of Manitoba"

Appoint Honorable John Norquay my lawful attorney to "negotiate with and to sell to the Government of the Dominion of Canada Lot number --- [blank] in the Parish of St Clements….

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| G 8698 | A - 488 | Oct. 18, 1880 | Letter | Taylor, James | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Compensation for Selkirk land. | 2 pp. |

JN is in Ottawa, where this is addressed – a handwritten appeal, alternately pleading and threatening:

'My dear Mr. Norquay I will once more trouble you to try to get me a fair compensation while in Ottawa, for my lands at Selkirk. Could I not be sent for while you are there? ….

I again say that Mr Skead's report was wrong. He did not give the quantity of lands I own with my brother, he did not set a right value on what he did give in, and no mention is made of the wood destroyed nor any compensation allowed for the outer two miles or Hay Privilege. If the Government will give me the lowest price I was receiving for town lots at the time of expropriation, and also pay me for all the lands I own in lot 65, and not for the quantity as sent in by Skead I will accept it….

If not, I'll have the correspondence printed, send copies to Mr Blake.

The Govt of Canada "has nearly ruined me….I had to leave home, as you know, and go out as a clerk in Winnipeg….

"I don't think Dr. Schultz ever represented my case as it should have been represented. You know the facts. Please to bring all the pressure you can upon them…. I appeared before the Railway Commission, the last day I saw you, and they would hear neither Albert Todd nor me….

"I will add however that if the Government will give me a permanent situation here in the Province I will accept their offer with a few amendments, small as it is…. [lands office etc.] Mr. Bannatyne tells me that Albert Todd is sending you a power of attorney, asking you to act for him in the matter of his lands. If I was in Ottawa I could help in giving all the facts connected with his case, as well as with my own…."

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| G 8698 | A - 489 | Oct. 20, 1880 | Collection Notice | Gerrie, R. and Co. | Main St., City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Your note for $80.10 matures on 7th, provide for same. |  |

Bill – Dry Goods "Dear Sir: your note for $80.10 matures Nov 7th …."

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| G 8698 | A - 490 | Oct. 26, 1880 | Letter | Boyd, A. | The Mount Barlaston Stoke on Trent, England | Norquay, John | Asking whether the act which specifies the formalities to be observed in the sale of land is a Dom. or Prov'l. Act. |  |

'My dear Norquay I just write to you to ask if you can do something for the good of mankind. I should be glad to know if the act which specifies the formalities to be observed in the sale of land is a Dominion or Provincial Act.-"Some deeds sent me require a notary public as witness, costing $2.50 twice for duplicates – exorbitant.

"I hear from Donald about once a fortnight. He tells me Donald A. was 'whipped' at the election. Thus must be gall and bitterness to the 'Free Press.' I think Donald A. is the right man for Selkirk if it was not for his connection with the McKenzie government. I can never forgive them the way they treated us in railway matters. I suppose you never hear of that unfortunate Roman now? I hope to come out next year and suppose I shall find you still conducting the affairs of the nation without an opposition and drawing your salary with exemplary regularity. I hope you and your family are well. When you have time write me a few lines and tell me how you get along. Remember me to Girard. He is still in the Cabinet, is he not? Put a spoke in the wheel of those confounded Notaries Public if you can…."

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| G 8698 | A - 491 | Oct. 30, 1880 | Premium  Notice | Canada Life Assurance Company | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Reminding Mr. N. that the payment for assurance upon his Policy falls due on 3rd Nov. |  |

Policy for $1000 assured – half-year premium $20.80, due 3 Nov.

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| G 8698 | A - 492 | Nov. 1, 1880 | Bonus  Certificate | Canada Life Assurance Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | $25.00 added to Mr. N.'s policy re: bonus addition. |  |

Adds to coverage $25 = $1025

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| G 8698 | A - 493 | Feb. 19, 1880 [or 1883?] | Letter by J N Yeomans | Confederation Life Association [Wpg office] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: The legality of the Company when amount of note & receipt is paid. |  |

You wondered about our company's liability given that you paid the account of note. Because you also have the renewal receipt "the company is just as responsible as if paid when due. The renewal receipt signed by the managing Director and countersigned by myself carries you until the 1st May."

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| G 8698 | A - 494 (a) | Feb. 12, 1880 | Letter | Smith and West  319 Main St. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Items broken by Capt. Scott to be billed to Norquay. | Note by Norquay on reverse |
| " | A - 494 (b) | Feb. 12, 1880 | Receipt | Smith and West Baltimore Oys Depot | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered. |  |

The first letter says: "Dear Sir Enclosed you will find a Bill for Oys and some other things that where Broken by Captain Scott and which I have orders by him to send the Bill to you."

The second form, a bill, "Baltimore Oys Depot, Smith and West" is to John Norquay Esq, and lists "To Feby 5 oys – 12 dishes @ 50 = 6.00

"To Door – Castor Lamp 4.00

Less cash 1.50

Owed $8.50

On the back of this bill: "I paid for oysters & Capt Scott can pay for breakage" and a calculation of $4.50, leaving $4.00 owed (by Scott presumably)

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| G 8698 | A - 495 | Jan. 14, 1880 | Letter | Confederation Life Association | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount due the above Company $28.55. |  |

"Dr Sir I cannot spend any more time in calling at your office having already lost more than the amt of the little due bill I hold is worth – please send by the messenger your check to cover the same tomorrow or you will afterwards find it in the hands of Mr Biggs our solicitor – I cannot do otherwise and do my duty to our company having already held the matter for nearly nine months to oblige you, truly J N Yeomans Amt $28.55

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| G 8698 | A - 496 | June 10, 1880 | Letter [copy of] | Norquay, J., Prov. Treas. | City (Winnipeg) | Tupper, Sir Charles, Min. of Railways | Re: James Taylor's claim. | Copy |

"Sir We take the liberty of enclosing you herewith the petition of Mr James Taylor of St Andrews on the subject of his claim against the Govt for the expropriation of lot 65 in the parish of St Clements for the uses of the Canada Pacific Railway and would respectfully urge an early consideration of the same."

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| G 8698 | A - 497 | Oct. 1, 1880 | Draft Letter | Norquay, J., Prov. Treas. | City (Winnipeg) | Crosbie, W.T., West Lynne | Answer to invitation extended by Crosbie to attend exhibition at West Lynne. |  |

Rec'd your of 28th ult with invitation to me and colleagues to first annual exhibition of the agric society Electoral Divn of Morris – regret – "pressure of business at this juncture precludes the possibility of the members of the Govt availing themselves of the kind offer

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| G 8698 | A - 498 | Nov. 13, 1880 | Letter | Confederation Life Association [Yeomans] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for premium on policy $28.55. |  |

"Dr Sir Will you please send the messenger over with your life premium $28.55 due 1st Nov"

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| G 8698 | A - 499 | Feb. 10, 1880 | Letter | M. Bowell, Minister of Customs | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Rowe who has purchased the "Plant" of the Winnipeg Times. |  |

"My dear Norquay Mr Amos Rowe of this city has purchased the "Plant" of the Winnipeg Times and proposes resuscitating that journal in the interests of the Conservative party.

He is thoroughly reliable, with some discretion. I hope therefore you will do what you can in aiding him in making the Times a live paper which means good and tangible support.

It would be well if you could consistently assist in bringing it about to have an amalgamation between the Times and the Tribune, as the field is not large enough to support two Conservative newspapers just now. In the 'sweet by and by' two journals on the one side may live, but at the present time the united support of the party should be concentrated upon one journal, in order to enable the Publisher to make it a powerful and influential one.

Trusting you may see your way clear to aid Rowe in his new enterprize, I am yours very truly M Bowell

PS By the by – Will you succeed in getting that deputation to visit Ottawa, to look after some grievance – fancied or real?

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| G 8698 | A - 500 | Feb. 28, 1880 | Receipt | United Empire Club | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Receipt of $10.00 entrance fee. |  |

$10 entrance fee and $10 annual subscription, pd by Hon. Jno Norquay

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| G 8698 | A - 501 | Aug. 6, 1880 | Receipt | Diocese of Rupert's Land St. John's College Ladies' School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | $100.00 on account. Bella's school bill. | No Cover |

Form, signed by Canon Grisdale, noting JN paid $100 by cheque on Bella's school bill

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| G 8698 | A - 502 | Feb. 3, 1880 | Letter | McNee, Arch Secretary Treasurer Manitoba Rifle Association | City (Winnipeg) Man | Norquay, John | At the annual meeting of the above he was elected one of its vice patrons. |  |

Informs JN that AGM of MRA elected him "one of its vice patrons."

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| G 8698 | A - 503 | Aug. 15, 1880 | Receipt | Young, P.R. & Co. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Account $7.75. | No Cover |

Merchant's bill -- $7.75

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| G 8698 | A - 504 | Aug. 9, 1880 | Receipt | Topley Studio | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account $8.00. | No Cover |

Account incurred 1 May -- $8.00

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| G 8698 | A - 505 | Aug. 23, 1880 | Receipt | Cowan, William, M.D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $7.50. | No Cover |

Medical attendance on 5 occasions, three in July, 1879, and two others -- Oct. 24, in 1879 and 3 June 1880 @ 1.50 = $7.50

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| G 8698 | A - 506 | Aug. 4, 1880 | Receipt | Winnett, J.W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $6.75. | No Cover |

Furniture store – 2 frames: 22 x 31, and 18 x 30 = 6.75

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| G 8698 | A - 507 | Aug. 25, 1880 | Receipt | Wright, Arch. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $12.50. | No Cover |

21 Jan 1880: 1 whip = .50; 29 Jan – repair harness - .25; 10 July: 1 pr hand parts & reparing [sic] = 1.50 Total $12.50 Recd payment

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| G 8698 | A - 508 | Aug. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $3.50. | No Cover |

Dry goods: 29 June – 1 Panama hat = $3.50

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| G 8698 | A - 509 | July 1880 | Receipt | Notman, William | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Account $6.00. | No Cover |

3 Apr 1880 – 12 Cabs full of self $6.00

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| G 8698 | A - 510 | July 1880 | Receipt | Andrew, Misses I. & J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, Miss | Account $1.25. | No Cover |

Milliner: 23 July – to Miss Norquay: 1 yd canvas .75 and Wool etc .50 = 1.25

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| G 8698 | A - 511 | July 1880 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Adams, Chas. | Account $29.45. | No Cover |

Dry goods importer: 22 Sep – straw hat, buttons, lace, thread, muslin, boots, fur hat, 300 cartridge shells and 6 linen towels, hairpins = 28.05 plus interest to 1 May 1878 1.40 = $29.45

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| G 8698 | A - 512 | July 5, 1880 | Receipt | Hingston Smith, J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $7.12. | No Cover |

Guns: shot, powder, wads, cartridge cases = $7.10 pd.

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| G 8698 | A - 513 | July 5, 1880 | Receipt | Wishart, Geo. & Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | Account $10.00. | No Cover |

English, American and Canadian Groceries Main St "Sign of the Chinaman" – 100 Portuguese cigars -- $10.00ch 71

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| G 8698 | A - 514 | June 30, 1880 | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $59.95. | No Cover |

Account due on 31 January – 57.10 plus 5 month interest – 2.85 = $59.95

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| G 8698 | A - 515 | June 30, 1880 | Receipt | Young, P.R. & Co. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Account $7.75. | No Cover |

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| G 8698 | A - 516 | June 30, 1880 | Receipt | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account $79.75. | No Cover |

The tailor friend in Toronto

Plus 2 shirts, 6 collars, 6 best white shirts, 6 collars, Astn Black Berlin Coat & vest - $36.00 == total of 79.75 still owed.

Note on back of bill: "Never got 2 shirts & ½ doz collars = 6.50 no"

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| G 8698 | A - 517 | June 30, 1880 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $4.50. | No Cover |

Horse shoe and carriage: 5 May – repair King bolt of buggy .50

10 June – 2 shoes set - .50 20 June – 1 set trotting plates – 3.50 = 4.50 Pd.

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| G 8698 | A - 518 | June 9, 1880 | Receipt | Brown, Oldfield & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $18.00. | No Cover |

Seedsmen: 6 May 20 bushels barley @.90 = $18.00 pd by cheque

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| G 8698 | A - 519 | June 8, 1880 | Letter | Macdonald, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $42.00 re: int. on mortgage. | No Cover |

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cheque on Merchants Bank for $42.00 in full of the first year's interest on your mortgage to me."

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| G 8698 | A - 520 | May 31, 1880 | Receipt | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $29.00. Pd. | No Cover |

Received payment $29.00

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| G 8698 | A - 521 | May 28, 1880 | Receipt | Lyster, Jas. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt $6.00. | No Cover |

Recd $6.00 settlement in full up to date

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| G 8698 | A - 522 | May 1, 1880 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $82.45. Pd. $72.95. | No Cover |

Bill for $82.45, pd. 72.95

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| G 8698 | A - 523 | May 20, 1880 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $28.50. Pd. | No Cover |

Dry goods: rec'd payment $28.50

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| G 8698 | A - 524 | May 18, 1880 | Receipt | Chevrier and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $5.00. Pd. | No Cover |

Boy's overcoat – 28 Feb – 5.00 Rec'd payment 18 May. 10, 12

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| G 8698 | A - 525 | May 18, 1880 | Rental Agreement | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Snell, James | Lease of house in Point Douglass [sic]. | No Cover |

"I John Norquay agree to let James Snell have the use of my house in the city of Winnipeg on the Main Highway in Point Douglas for the sum of seven dollars a month…. [and] to have the use of the stable…." Witness Alex Begg – Snell and JN sign

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| G 8698 | A - 526 | May 17, 1880 | Letter & Receipt | Topley Studio | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Request to inquire into acct. of Man. Gov't.  Enclosure: Account $8.00. | No Cover |

'Photographer by appointment to His Excellency The Marquis of Lorne and Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise

April – 6 Cabts of group – 3.50 and 18 cards Master N – 4.50 = 8.00

Extra note: "We sent the bill for photos received in Ottawa & those sent to Winnipeg, also send two cabts of self – which Mr. Topley begs you will accept with his compliments. Mr. Topley would feel obliged if you would inquire into the a/c we have against the Manitoba Government 17 May 1880

We can send you any photos you may want by post"

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| G 8698 | A - 527 | May 13, 1880 | Receipt | Guilmette, P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $18.00. Pd. | No Cover |

Harness, dry goods: "24 July: Two pair oxen harness @ 9 = $18.00 Paid

A527-597 are all receipts/bills –printed 10 May 2012 – see annotations on paper copy:

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| G 8698 | A - 527 | May 13, 1880 | Receipt | Guilmette, P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $18.00. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 528 | May 1, 1880 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. and Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $21.28. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 529 | May 1880 | Receipt | Young, P.R. and Co. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Account $7.75. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 530 | May 1880 | Receipt | Cameron, J.R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $3.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 531 | May 1, 1880 | Receipt | Dodd and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $9.50. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 532 | May 1880 | Receipt | Chevrier and Co. [?] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $2.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 533 | May 1, 1880 | Receipt | Thompson, J. | St. Paul's Parish City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $2.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 534 | April 30, 1880 | Receipt | Robson and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $9.00. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 535 | April 24, 1880 | Deposit Memo | Merchants' Bank  of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account Deposit $166.66. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 536 | April 14, 1880 | Receipt | Lyster, James | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $6.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 537 (a) | April 16, 1880 | Letter | Gain, Alexander | Portage la Prairie | Provincial Treasurer | Requesting payment of Bounty. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 537 (b) | April 10, 1880 | Bounty Certification | Janus [?], Wm. I. Registrar,  Marquette West | Portage la Prairie |  | Re: Wolf Bounty of $1.00 | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 538 | April 1, 1880 | Receipt | Ossenbrugge, F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $4.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 539 | April 30, 1880 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $7.65. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 540 | April 30, 1880 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $85.91. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 541 | April 1, 1880 | Receipt | Trott, S.W. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $4.50. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 542 | April 1, 1880 | Receipt | Reynolds, K.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $2.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 543 (a) | July 1880 | Letter | Bain, Blanchard & McColl | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Closing books of old firm, Bain & Blanchard. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 543 (b) | Jan. 16, 1878 | Receipt | Bain, Blanchard & McColl | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $27.25. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 544 | Jan. 10, 1880 | Receipt | McLaren, A.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $7.50. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 545 | Feb. 17, 1880 | Memo | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $42.30. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 546 | [1880] | Receipt | Accident Insurance Co. of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Premium renewal. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 547 | Feb. 21, 1880 | Receipt | Warnock, John S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $17.50. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 548 | Jan. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Stobart, Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $9.80. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 549 | Jan. 3, 1880 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $28.50. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 550 | Feb. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Winnipeg & Western Transportation Co. Ltd. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $5.44. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 551 | Jan. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Dawson Brothers | Montreal, Que. | Treasurer of Manitoba (Norquay, J.) | Account $2.50. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 552 | Feb. 1880 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $40.32. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 553 | Jan. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $42.30. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 554 | Jan. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Mulholland Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $1.75. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 555 | Dec. 1, 1879 | Receipt | Whitehead, Wm. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $1.00. Receipt for payment. | 2 pp. No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 556 | Jan. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $28.50. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 557 | Jan. 1880 | Receipt | Winnett, John W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $6.00. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 558 | Jan. 15, 1880 | Letter | Fisher, T.W., Secretary U[nited] E[mpire] Club | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account $20.00. Pd. Election as member. | No cover |
| G 8698 | A - 559 | Nov. 30, 1880 Dec. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $98.03. | 2 pp. |
| G 8698 | A - 560 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Trott, S.W. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $4.75. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 561 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Finney, J.A. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $19.40. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 562 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Parsons & Richardson | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $1.00. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 563 | [No Date] | Receipt | Carney, Thos. | [?] | Norquay, John | Account $160.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 564 | Dec. 24, 1880 | Receipt | Dufour, W. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $25.05. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 565 | Dec. 11, 1880 | Receipt | Coldvell, W. | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | Account $142.00. Re: Fall assizes. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 566 | Dec. 21, 1880 | Letter | St. John's College Ladies' School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $71.57. Re: Bella Norquay. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 567 | Dec. 9, 1880 | Tax Bill | Municipality of Springfield | Oak Bank, Man. | Norquay, John | Account $0.70. Sec.19 Range 6 Wood lot. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 568 | Nov. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Dodd and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $11.80. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 569 | Nov. 17, 1880 | Receipt | Finney, J.A. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $20.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 570 | Nov. 9, 1880 | Letter &  Receipt | Pierce, George M. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosure: Account $6.25, 9 Nov. 1880. Bust of Gov.-Gen. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 571 (a) | Nov. 25, 1880 | Letter | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing account & asking completion of note. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 571 (b) | Nov. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account due, $122.43. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 571 (c) | Nov. 1, 1880 | Promissory  Note | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Gerrie, R. & Co. |  | Unsigned No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 572 | Nov. 17, 1880 | Receipt | Kennedy, G. & Co. | St. Andrews South, Man. | Norquay, John | Account $3.50. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 573 | Nov. 29, 1879 | Receipt | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $3.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 574 | Nov. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. and Bro. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $30.38. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 575 | Nov. 3, 1880 | Receipt | Canada Life Assurance Co. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account $20.80. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 576 | Nov. 10, 1880 | Receipt | Nordheimers' Piano Forte Ware-Rooms | City (Winnipeg) Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt $56.00. Re: Piano. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 577 | Oct. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $12.70. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 578 | Oct. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Stobart, Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $54.77. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 579 | Oct. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Dodd & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $6.45. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 580 | Oct. 23, 1880 | Receipt | Transfer Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $1.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 581 | Aug. 1, 1880 | Dues Notice | Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $12.50. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 582 | Sept. 7, 1880 | Receipt | Winnett, J.W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $6.75. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 583 | Sept. 1880 | Receipt | Andrew, I. and J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, Miss | Account $1.25. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 584 | Sept. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $10.20. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 585 | Sept. 29, 1880 | Deposit  Receipt | Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | For the Govt. of Manitoba. Receipt $100,000.00. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 586 | Sept. 30, 1880 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $13.25. Pd. $15.00 on account. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 587 | Sept. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $23.12. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 588 | Sept. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Trott, S.W. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $8.25. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 589 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $69.18. Pd. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 590 | 188[?] | Receipt | Ashdown, Jas. H. | City (Winnipeg) | St. Andrews Municipality | Account $141.78. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 591 | Sept. 1880 | Receipt | Notman, William | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | To account rendered $6.00. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 592 | Aug. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Stobart, Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $47.76. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 593 | Aug. 4, 1880 | Receipt | Thomas, Ryan | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $7.50. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 594 | Aug. 2, 1880 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co, | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $3.15. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 595 | Dec. 31, 1880 | Receipt | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $63.75. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 596 | Nov. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Dick and Banning | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $21.80. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 597 | April 1, 1880 | Receipt | Drewery, Edward S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $12.00. |  |

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| G 8698 | A - 537 (a) | April 16, 1880 | Letter | Gain, Alexander | Portage la Prairie | Provincial Treasurer | Requesting payment of Bounty. | No Cover |
| G 8698 | A - 537 (b) | April 10, 1880 | Bounty Certification | Janus [?], Wm. I. Registrar,  Marquette West | Portage la Prairie |  | Re: Wolf Bounty of $1.00 | No Cover |

Covering letter on rough paper, poorly handwritten, from Portage to Provincial Treasurer, "Sir Please forward enclosed bounty to me address P L P Alexander Gair"

The next letter from Wm. James, Registrar, Marquette West, Portage la Prairie:

"I certify that in this tenth day of April AD 1880 Alexander Gair of Portage la Prairie produced before me the skin of one prairie or small wolf and did satisfactorily prove upon oath that the said wolf was killed within the limits of the County of Marquette West and is therefore entitled to the bounty of one dollar…."

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| G 8698 | A - 570 | Nov. 9, 1880 | Letter &  Receipt | Pierce, George M. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosure: Account $6.25, 9 Nov. 1880. Bust of Gov.-Gen. | No Cover |

"Dear Sir I send you today per favour of W.H. Taylor Esq a case containing the bust of the Marquis of Lorne & your one coast which I received from Mr Holbroke…. I trust you arrived at your destination all right…..

\ Hoping you & your family are well. I would like to be remembered to your little son.

Mother sends her respects & was quite pleased when I told her you enquired after her.

I remain Respectfully yours Geo. M. Pierce My address is simply Ottawa.

[The bust – "Dunbar's" [?] cost $5.00, packing and cartage and case 1.25 = 6.25

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| G 8698 | A - 585 | Sept. 29, 1880 | Deposit  Receipt | Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | For the Govt. of Manitoba. Receipt $100,000.00. | No Cover |

$100,000 deposited by JN for the credit of the Govt of MB

The printed form is sgd by G C Farley

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| G 8698 | A - 593 | Aug. 4, 1880 | Receipt | Thomas, Ryan | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To account rendered $7.50. |  |

On the back of a printed form letter Ryan adds a bill, for $9.50, [1 pr ladies slippers $2.00, and 1 pr Gents fine Congrers [?] $7.50] dated August 4 1880, for JN.

But the printed form itself, dating from a year earlier, is also interesting:

"Winnipeg March 26, 1879 Dear Sir: I must respectfully inform you that, with the other Boot and Shoe Makers of this City, I have entered into an agreement, to adopt the Cash System, which will come into effect on the 1st day of April…. Yours truly, Thomas Ryan"

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| G 8698 | A - 598 | Feb. 10, 1880 | Letter | Schultz, John, Senator | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Amos Rowe. |  |

Difficult hand: "My dear Mr Norquay Allow this to introduce Amos Rowe Esq who as owner of the Times plant goes up to give up [us?] a first class Conservative journal. Mr Rowe is a practical man and in filling many elective positions of trust has acquired an extensive knowledge of municipal and other affairs, which will be of much use to him and to us in Winnipeg. I need not say that Mr. Rowe is highly respected and esteemed here and I feel sure will be an [acquisition?] to our city and province. With best wishes, Yours very truly John Schultz

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| G 8698 | A - 599 | Feb. 12, 1880 | Letter | Phillips, G.W. Equitable Life Assurance Society | New York | Grant, Jno. P. | Refusal to issue a policy on the life of Hon. Mr. Norquay on account of overweight. |  |

Form letter, fill in the blanks, to Jno. P. Grant "Dear Sir: The issuing of a policy on the life of Mr. Jno. Norquay is declined by our Medical Directors a/c overweight."

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| G 8698 | A - 600 | March 18, 1880 | Letter | Le Moind, Robert | [Ottawa] | Norquay, John | Invitation to dinner. |  |

"My dear Sir I was sorry to find on returning to my office that you had kindly called on me with Mr. Girard and that my absence had deprived me of the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

No doubt Mr. Girard mentioned to you that I was anxious to have you at dinner on Sunday at 6.30. I trust nothing will prevent you from doing me that pleasure. Very sincerely, [JN is at Russell House]

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| G 8698 | A - 601 | April 15, 1880 | Letter | Gouin, James | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Drawing on Mr. N. for $44.00 and asking him to honor draft. |  |

Letterhead of Russell House, Ottawa, J.A. Gouin

Dear Mr. Norquay I have taken the liberty of drawing on you today for amount of your account say $44.00 & trust your courtesy will honour Dft & protect at maturity."

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| G 8698 | A - 602 | April 1880 | Premium Notice | Standard Life Assurance Company | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Falling due 4th of May. |  |

Form letter, fill in blanks: premium on policy due on 4 May to 3 June – $37.10

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| G 8698 | A - 603 | April 23, 1880 | Letter | Boyd, A[lfred] | Mount Barlaston,  Stoke on Trent, England | Norquay, John | Private friendly letter on different subjects. |  |

"My dear Norquay I was glad to get yours of Feby 21, the other day. How you prosper! Fancy a premier and no opposition. By the powers, you must feel as if you had invented a new system of statesmanship.- but after all the opposition in Manitoba always was of the meanest description save and excepting that fatal day, when I suddenly found myself in the opposition when Davis wanted to punch Clarke's head in the house.- Very gay times in those days, were they not? It is but a few years ago since the enlightened of Winnipeg marched down to sack the house, and tarred and feathered the Speaker next morning. – Well you have crammed a municipality bill on the country. When I saw what you had done. I d—d the Parliament in heap.- [sic] The Ontario element seems bound to run the country. I think I would have joined the French if I had been in the house. It is only an opportunity for developing Communism. I believe. Those that have nothing try and rob those better off than themselves – and then to read the Chief Justice's remarks, and to know that this man who claims credit for common sense set up such a defence in his case against Schultze – From reading the evidence I should judge the Hospital witnessed some queer scenes but I should not like to put implicit faith in Miss Turnbull's evidence. I see by the papers, your glory and honour, the entertainments given by 'our Premier.' the remarks made by ditto. the reception in the house of ditto, etc. etc. You must find it almost as good as trading rats up Cumberland quarter. There has been some lively correspondence in 'the Field' newspaper here on the comparative merits of Minnesota and Manitoba started by a letter from Mdy [?] St. John, who appears to be in Liverpool. One or two fellows have written the most opprobrious articles about Manitoba, one fellow cruelly using extracts from the Free Press to prove that it is a damnable country and can't grow wheat. I am thinking of sending the papers to Col Smith if you care to see them. How it would make Luxton hop to know his paper was used for such a vile end – and the Field is a paper of large circulation. Well I don't propose being out very early this year, no more worries now, but I hope to come out and look up my business matters. I shall be very glad to hear from you any spare time. I like to know what other infernal plans you have for taxation. With best wishes believe me yours very truly A Boyd

What a time of elections we've had here!!!"

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| G 8698 | A - 604 | April 30, 1880 | Premium Notice | Canada Life Assurance Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Premium due $20.80. |  |

Form, fill in blanks – payment falls due on 3 May –sum assured $1000 half-year premium is $20.80.

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| G 8698 | A - 605 | April 30, 1880 | Letter | Bedson, S[amuel] L. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Wants a nurse for lunatic women. Present nurse leaving. Tired out. |  |

Letterhead of "Manitoba Penitentiary Stony Mountain" handwritten flowing penmanship

"My dear Norquay Our Nurse Mrs McLean has got tired out completely with the lunatic women and it is really too much for one woman to attend to Sunday & weekday the poor creature has not a moment to call her own. She is now desirous to leave and I cannot find one to take her place. Mrs. Bedson did assist her before our boy came to us but it is impossible now. As Mrs B will be in town she will call and talk the matter over and go into details. I expected to be in Winnipeg a few days ago but could not get in. I am anxious to have a chat. Sincerely yrs S.L. Bedson"

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| G 8698 | A - 606 | April 19, 1880 | Letter | Gibbs, Thos. N. | Oshawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. A.P. Cameron, a mason & bricklayer. |  |

Grain merchant and miller, introducing A.D. Cameron, bricklayer and plasterer and Mason, who goes to MB "with a view of bettering his fortune"

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| G 8698 | A - 607 | May 7, 1880 | Letter | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for a cheque. $82.45. |  |

"My dear John I have a heavy day tomorrow. Kindly give Bearer cheque for note $82.45 & much oblige Yours truly RDG"

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| G 8698 | A - 608 | May 3, 1880 | Letter | Taylor, James, Secretary | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. he was elected a honorary member of the St. Andrews cricket Club at a meeting held on the 1st inst. |  |

General mtg of St Andrews cricket club elected JN an honorary member

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| G 8698 | A - 609 | May 5, 1880 | Letter | White, Richard | Montreal, Que. | Kerr, Dr. | Letter of introduction to J. Norquay and Dr. Schultz. |  |

Letter of intro to JN and Schultz for Dr. Kerr – if not so busy "I would have commended you to their best attention, and given you a certificate of sound political principles, etc. etc."

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| G 8698 | A - 610 | May 14, 1880 | Letter | Luxton, W.F. Editor, Free Press | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Boyd and remarks in Free Press. |  |

Letterhead of 'Free Press' office, John A. Kenny Proprietor, Luxton ed. & mgr. "Circulation of FREE PRESS is greater than that of all other papers in Province combined." [large confident hand]:

"My dear Mr. Norquay I am truly amazed at extract from Mr. Boyd's letter. I am just as confident as can be that the Free Press never contained a line that could possibly be twisted into any such shape as that indicated. Whoever and whatever we have abused and misrepresented it is certain we never said aught out of accord with the assumption that Manitoba possessed the best climate and soil for the production of the great staple grains of the world, in the universe. Boyd is just right in saying 'it will make Luxton hop' Yrs truly W F Luxton

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| G 8698 | A - 611 | May 14, 1880 | Letter | Setter, Colin C. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Stating he is coming down and relating an account of his brother's death. |  |

"Dear Norquay You had better fix a place to tie the craft when I get down there. I lost some of my wood with the water

I suppose you heard about the sad occurance that hapened [sic] amongst us poor – Duncan died very sudden he got up at four o'clock in the morning and went to Morna's bedroom and complained of a pain in his side and then went out side where he droped [sic]dead poor kate is taking it so very hard I would wrote to you sooner but John James said he would let you know about it hoping you will excuse my poor writing I remain yours Colin C. Setter

PS I shall try and get down on Friday or Saturday. CCS

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| G 8698 | A - 612 | May 16, 1880 | Letter | Maxwell, Andy | Portage la Prairie, Man. | "Dear Big Brother" [Norquay, John] | Friendly private letter. |  |

"My Dear Big Brother I write you a line to tell you that I am not ungrateful for all the many favours you have shown me, you have been to me a better friend by far than I have been to myself, and had I been half as kind to myself as you have been would have been better off today, my ambition was for the last eight years to have been with you and under you, but Jim Hennesy has knocked that all on the head I fear, he and I have fallen out at last but too late.

I will always think of John Norquay with the kindest feelings of regard and with the greatest esteem and hope that your prospects for the future will be as bright and your actions as brilliant as they have been in the past.

With best wishes for you and yours and hoping that there may be a wee small spot in your big heart for me yet.

I remain your sincere and grateful friend, Andy

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| G 8698 | A - 613 | May 19, 1880 | Letter | Tasse, Elie | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Brochure "Nord-ouest". | In French |

House of Commons stationery, flowing hand. Cover sheet says: "In French"

"Monsieur, J'ai expédié par la malle à l'adresse de Sécrétaire Provincial les quinze cents exemplaires de ma brochure sur le 'Nord-Ouest' dont le government m'a fait la commande…." Thanks for the encouragement you have given me. I ask that you pay the bill as soon as possible. I authorize Felix Trudel to withdraw the money and sign in my name. your humble servant, Elie Tassé

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| G 8698 | A - 614 | May 19, 1880 | Letter | Hay, E.H.G.G. | Stone Fort, St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking $200.00 on account of next sessions allowance. |  |

Handwritten – very nicely

"Hon John Norquay My Dr Sir I am wanting to build, have not the money, and desire if possible that you could advance me $200.00 on a/c of next session's allowance. I am loath to ask this, but I have no other way of obtaining money to buy material. I am, D Sir Yours respectfully, E.H.G.G. Hay

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| G 8698 | A - 615 | May 18, 1880 | Letter | Russell, Lindsay Dept. of the Interior Dominion Lands Office | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Informing letters patent has been issued in his favor for whole of Section 31 6thT 2 R.W. |  |

Fill in the blanks printed form (Russell is "Surveyor General"):

"Letters Patent in your favour for the whole of S 31, in the 6th Township, 2nd Range, West of Principal Meridian"

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| G 8698 | A - 616 | May 22, 1880 | Letter | Sweeny, R., Secretary Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | His name has been put on the list of club members again. |  |

Handwritten – clearly an exception to the half-yearly printed form re renewal of membership: "My dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge your note of yesterday and am instructed to inform you that your name has been replaced on the list of Club members Yours truly A Sweeney Secy."

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| G 8698 | A - 617 | May 28, 1880 | Letter | Setter, John | Maple Creek | Norquay, John | Private friendly letter. |  |

"Mapel [sic] Creek May 28th 1880 [much nicer hand, straight lines, long thick paper]

Hon John Norquay My Dear Sir I again take the pleasure in wrighting to you hoping that your self and family are all well I am Besuey [busy?] farming at present the soil appers good but I cant say about the frosts as yet.

Times is prity tame among the Indians no Bofflo but the reports that that will likely come over to this side in a few weeks I have no much nuse to wright you, my cheaf came in to the farm three days ago but his tribe is not in as yet But he expects them in a day or two, at present their [sic]is seventy loges of the crees campt here living on fish lots of fish here where I am the creek is full of them It is a long time since I received a letter from you wright me and give me all the nuse you can

Is their a chance for those that had not received their grant of Land there is a Daughter of Alexander Gaddy out here and she is married to a Scotch Lad and he is here with me on the farm as forman he is a good man and he asked me to try and find out about his wife grant and if their is a chance Let me know her name is Margaret. Yours truly John Setter"

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| G 8698 | A - 618 | June 3, 1880 | Letter | Macdougall, J. | Lower Fort Garry | Norquay, John | Stating he is instructed by Councillors Bird & Ross to ask Mr. N. to attend certain meetings for the purpose of considering road matters. |  |

To JN as "M.P.P. for St Andrews Sir: I am requested by Councillors Bird and Ross to ask you to be good enough to attend the following public meetings to be held for the purpose of considering road matters:

At Mr. G. Ross' residence, on the 7th inst At St Andrews (Central) School, on 8th At Wm Setter's house on 9th At 5 p.m…."

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| G 8698 | A - 619 | June 8, 1880 | Letter | Brown, C[orydon]. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private re: what took place between Mr. Cauchon & himself. |  |

Handwritten, filling 4 sides of one folded sheet, clear hand ["re water a/c at Govt House"]

"Dear Mr Norquay With reference to what took place between Mr J. Cauchon and myself I state the facts to be as follows: Mr C. came to my office a day or two ago and asked to see me 'privately' which I granted going into your office (you being out at the time). He wanted to know why the man who had a bill certified to him for hauling water (not the party usually supplying water) was not paid. I gave as the reason that I had been informed that the water was not supplied for the usual purposes of Govt. House but for the cattle and sheep etc of his own and that the Govt. thought they could not pay it but that you were here and I would again refer it to the Government. He told me that there was but a small portion of the water used for the cattle and sheep referred to. During the course of the conversation which he asked to be 'Private' I said to him that I thought he did not carefully examine the accounts before he certified to them as P. Secy and I evidenced an item in Mr. Ashdown's account which I told him that the Auditor had told me belonged to his own private account and acknowledged by him as such, and, as such, deducted from the account but was again charged to the Govt.

I state most emphatically that what I said to Mr Cauchon was entirely based on his own and the Auditors statement, which I enclose and if not word for word as above, was equivalent to the above in substance.

I have no hesitation in saying I have no 'apology' to make with reference to the matter, and while I am anxious to be guided as fully as possible by you while I must administer this item I must do so with a view being able to give satisfaction as fully as possible to the public accts Committee and the House Yours truly C.P. Brown"

[public accountability of govt spending – accepted clearly]

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| G 8698 | A - 620 | June 17, 1880 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Candidates for election. |  |

"My Dear Norquay I am pleased to receive yours of the 16th inst I think it would be well to wait and give Newcombe a chance My friends think, as things are now, if we can persuade Newcombe to run we can elect him by acclamation. In any event my friends will rally around a supporter of the Government and will go for Chalmers but I would not hint to another about my retiring till I hear from Newcombe. He is the only man I opened up to, that is, as a candidate, Hiller and all my friends are satisfied with him …. Chalmers name has been mentioned among ourselves and I think we can raise a boom in his favor. You are doing well in not coming up at present. I have sent the report adrift that I am going to take in a partner so as to throw Clarke off the track in case he should by chance hear anything, but he has not the ghost of a chance to raise any position he has no friend here but F.A. Martin & he is about as popular as Clarke is in society at Winnipeg. Clarke has had a claim surveyor opposite Emerson and calls it West Lynne that would of itself be enough to dn [damn] him. He has opened an office here to sell his lots – he was at the sittings of the Court here and had one case for a half breed (french) He blamed me for taking other cases from him & he told Williams if I wanted opposition in my business he would give it to me – His linen is too dirty to wash here – I am a little afraid Chalmers is too much of a temperance man, but before you say so we will be ready with our man.

As soon as Newcombe returns and you are ready I think it would be a good thing for you to come up – Our friends will work as hard as they did at last election. Thanks for your good wishes and with a long life to you political and otherwise – In haste for the mail, I remain, yours faithfully W Hill Nash

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| G 8698 | A - 621 | June 21, 1880 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Re: Obtaining the Judgeship. |  |

Scrawl on lined paper – not fancy at all – like the writing pads at U of M – this is just a guess as to meaning – v. difficult to decipher some words:

"My Dear Norquay If anything should turn up in my absence as regards the judgeship, please do not forget me. Mr Rowe has proffered his assistance and will confer with you. He has written the cause of the Ministers I believe or is willing to do so and if necessary use the influence of this paper.

Rowe is expecting a remittance of some $2000.00 from Ottawa this next mail. He has a note due tomorrow, of about $1000 and if his remittance does not arrive help him till it comes. I know it is perfectly safe. Yours sincerely, D.M. Walker"

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| G 8698 | A - 622 | June 27, 1880 | Letter | Whiteway, James | Peguis | Norquay, John | Re: Assessment on his land much too large. |  |

"Hon John This is to inform you that I got my assessment bill yesterday & I am going to tell you it is very unlike what you told me it would be last winter you said a cent on the acre & that my lot would not cost over 1.50 now Sir it is the very reverse it is 11.50 besides statute labor. Now [know?] what, I'll ask you for that big extra will you be so kind as put your hand in your pocket & send me the ten dollars to pay it with[.] what is to be done with all this money that is to be collected in this manner a great part into salaries I suppose etc. boy – look for example across the river things are there decent[.] offices pay are small knowing as they do that people are poor now on the other hand down our way for a petty trumpery job 150, 250, 300, 400 dollars we know well you are just as much the head of the municipal council as you are of the local house & I'll tell you Mainly we want no tyranny rule wont stand it are willing to pay a fair & decent tax & no more, land behind are of as much value & more so than lands in front as the latter is worn out which you know well but it is said you want to compel us to sell out not yet boy send quick James Whiteway"

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| G 8698 | A - 623 | June 28, 1880 | Letter | Cauchon, Joseph, Lt. Gov. | Government House City (Winnipeg) Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing letter asking Mr. N. if he has any remarks to make. | Letter not enclosed |

Cauchon rec'd letter from Governor General – no indication of subject.

In next paragraph: "I may inform you, in the mean time, that I am writing to General Sherman to offer him hospitality at Government House."

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| G 8698 | A - 624 | June 29, 1880 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: The granting Martin of the "Martin House" a licence. |  |

"Martin of the 'Martin House complains, that he has been refused a license. This will cause quite a reaction with the citizens as he has been an old stand by and has always kept a very quiet and orderly house, if not high toned, and he has all the necessary accommodation required by law. It appears there has been some difficulty between Martin and the license inspector and the general opinion appears to be, that he has been refused a license from ill feeling and not from any failure on his part to meet the requirements of the license act. He has made the usual application and deposited his money. It would never do unless on good grounds to do away with Martin's license. I trust you will inquire into this matter and see what can be done in obtaining Martin a license.

There is no doubt in my mind now, that Clarke is feeling his way to run for Morris, but I am satisfied, that he has not the ghost of a chance – whoever wins you may be sure Clarke will be counted out. Tell me straight what you think of Joe Tennant for Morris, in case it is opened out – I would like to be posted as your views beforehand. Trusting to hear from you soon, I remain, yours faithfully…. "

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| G 8698 | A - 625 | July 3, 1880 | Letter | Gowler, Wm. | Assiniboine | Norquay, John | Patents for his lots. |  |

Re Patents for lots

"Sir We are likely to be in some trouble, about a bit of land, which, Petter Taylor, James Wishart, John Setter, and myself holds. Petter Taylor tried to take up the said land at one time as a Homestead, and paid ten dollars on it, but he did not get it, on account of the said land bounding on the back of each of our two miles limit, without he got each of our sanction, but since that time the four off [sic] us as neighbour have got the said land subdivided between us.

But sir bare this in mind that each of us had made clame [sic] to this said land, before the transfer, and, had done some improvements on it also. Now you see where the trouble comes in, we did not go to the land office to secure our rights, thinking some future time would do, when each of off us mite [sic] make it a point to meet in Winnipeg for the purpose. This said land is Fractional Sections S.W. q. of 35, also N.W. qr of 35 T. !2, R. 5. W. And is now almost all under cultivation.

Where we fear the trouble is to come from, is from our County Council, you see, we onthinkingly [sic] did not give it in as ours properly.

Now you Honnor Mr John Setter and myself would feel very much obliged to you, if you would undertake to see after our rights for us as you understand exactly how to go about it, if you cannot do anything for us in Winnipeg you might in Ottawa.

Mr. John Setter tells me to mention to you, that praps [sic] you will remember laughing at us about the shanties we had built on the prarie,[sic] while you where [sic] still living up in High Bluff.

Now your Honnor, if you can do any thing for us do it, and you will not be the looser. [sic] Obliging your sinceare friend Wm Gowler

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| G 8698 | A - 626 | July 6, 1880 | Letter | Kennedy, George | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to pay A. Strang, Esq. $20.00 on his account. |  |

"Please pay to A. Strang Esq the sum of twenty dollars and charge the same to my account and oblige yours very truly…"

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| G 8698 | A - 627 | July 10, 1880 | Letter | Setter, John | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | The trouble among the Indians almost over. |  |

"My Dear Sir I again take the pleasure of wrighting you a few lines the great excitement is over among the Indians for this year [--] that is their treaty money[.] you will have the chance of seeing the Lt. Col McDonald the Indian agent at Winipeg on the seventeenth of the next month you can find out from him as I think that I will be moved down to Capel [Qu'Appelle] as he told me that Mr Dewdney told him that he intended to have me down their this he told me privetly so I wish you could find out by enquiring as if I had not wrote to you Let me know privatly if there is anything that you think may be for my intrest[.] If I saw enny chance of leaving I would apply for a month visit as I find the time long without my family I thought to get must [most] of the Indians of [off] to the Playens [plains] after Bofflo But I cant say wither thay will all go or not Give me all the nuse you saw[.] give my kind respects to all your family and yourself hopping you will hold the Renze [reins] as tite [tight] as usewall [usual] even out here the half bread gets a hit I have had some arguments out here on your part so I hop and wish that you will hold the four years out[.] wishing you every success I do not have ennything of nuse [news] With kind Regards, I Remain, you Dr Sir, Yours Faithfully, John Setter

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| G 8698 | A - 628 | July 10, 1880 | Letter | Newcombe, Geo. | Souris Junction | Norquay, John | Decided to give up the MPP business. |  |

"Dear Mr. Norquay I have decided to try this point for this year at any rate & therefore give up the M.P.P. business.

I would have written sooner but our mails are all chance work. Haven't seen a paper since I left you. Will probably be down in a week or so, when I may be of some use on the line. Yours truly Geo Newcombe

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| G 8698 | A - 629 | July 13, 1880 | Letter | T.J. Lynskey, Canadian Pacific Railroad [sic] Superintendent's Office | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | The granting of passes to Sheriff, Deputy, Sheriff, & Chief Constable. Refused. |  |

Printed letterhead: Canadian Pacific Railroad [sic] Superintendents' Office Winnipeg Man. T.J. Lynskey, Supt." And handwritten note, v. nice writing:

"Hon J Norquay Dear Sir: I referred your request for passes on the C.P. Ry. for yourself [this is crossed out –a line directly through it] the Sheriff, Dep. Sheriff & Chief Constable, to Ottawa, & regret to say that I am instructed your request cannot be acceded to, as it is wished to avoid establishing a precedent difficult to defend. Passes can only be granted to members of the Local Govt. Yours Truly…." [note that JN must have one – and other cabinet members, and perhaps MLAs]

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| G 8698 | A - 630 | July 15, 1880 | Meeting Notice | Matheson, Rev. Saml. P. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | A meeting of the Board of Governors on 21st July 1880. |  |

Form letter, fill in blanks: mtg, Board of Governors, SJC Ladies School, 21 July 3:00, to appoint a Lady's Principal, authorize a loan, appoint auditors to audit a/cs. Etc

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| G 8698 | A - 631 | July 16, 1880 | Meeting Notice | Grisdale, John, Secretary St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | A meeting on 21st July. |  |

And a mtg of SJC Council at 4:00, same day to consider fees, statute for the degree of B.D. etc.

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| G 8698 | A - 632 | July 22, 1880 | Letter | Norquay, John | Minnedosa, Man. | Norquay, John | Friendly letter on different subjects & appointment of Indian farm instructor. |  |

"Mr Norquay Sir I write you a few lines to let you know that we are still in the land of the living and well hoping this may find you and yours in same I have been up to the Birds Tail Creek and all around that sec [sic: section?]of country it is a grand country for settlement say from the big bend of the Saskatchewan to valley river from thence to shell river all through to the Touchwood hills if you get this sec of country in the Province you will have the grandest Province in the Dominion in a little while people are squatting by the hundreds through this part of the country squatting has been forbidden but in my opinion it has incouraged people to dare – so Minnedosa is going ahead it is being quite a village Odana [Idama?] is rather in the background at present as Minnedosa mills will not suply them lumber[.] great times between the two cityes I have writen time and again to Joe but never got answer whither they be living or dead you may have heard that poor old Bill died in the fore part of may nothing strange to tell you only Tanner left after giveing his wife an unmeceful beating Leaving her for dead Reports say he has gone to the States Leaving his property in the hands of other men and by the way I wish you to doe a favour that is to recommend me as indian farmer at the Brids tail Creek you know that I can speak the Lang and a good farmer the Indians doe not like Chamberlin they say he knows no more about farming then themselves. I was told they wear putting a protest against him if so please speak a good word for me also would you be kind enough to find out if I could get land out heare for my children in place of what they Have in the province excuse me for intruding on your good nature closing I wish you and yours all prospertity [sic] I remain yours truly John Norquay"

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| G 8698 | A - 633 | July 26, 1880 | Letter | Germain, George "prest" | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Invitation to opening of the Roman Catholic Church. |  |

'You are respectfully requested to attend with your Lady to the benediction of the Roman Catholic church of Emerson which will take place on…29th inst at 9 ½ a.m. His Grace the Archbishop Taché will officiate. Resp yours George Germain Pre-st [?President]

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| G 8698 | A - 634 | July 26, 1880 | Letter | Setter, John | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Re: The Indians. |  |

Fine bold hand, spelling!!

"My Dear Sir I again take the pleasure of addressing you a few lines hoping that your self and family are all well it is sum time since I hard from you Last I have no great nuse to inform you of at present But attending to the Indians every day giving them rations at present there is about 800 to feed and still coming in it is a hard task to be among those tribes of Indians especially with the North Crees continually grumbling and dissatisfied I had more talking to do since last January then I have seen for this last twelve years to those difrent tribes trying to convince them the benefit that thay would do themselves to sattle down and make a living of their farmes as told them about the farm here and the Indian with his little gardin I must say that I give my Indians great credit attending to these gardins thay have givin [given] their Potatoes the second howing [hoeing] and their Potatoes most all out in Blosom and any help I ask from them thay are willing I got wood in for a building forty feet long I spoke to the chief to get his men to assist in geting the building up he came along with his men and the fifth day finished Little Child is the name of the chief here of the Soltox [Saulteaux] he is a very good Indian he assistes me a great deal and antious [anxious] to sattle down But not satisfied of the Plase here as a resarve on account of wood But it is not desided where he will go and take his resarve.

The crope here looks very well at present the wheat is coming out of year [ear?] oats looks well and potatoes the drawback on the crops is on account of rain only had two showers of rain for this last two months I saw Mr Galt here and he asked me to remain as he said that I was much required here at present [.] at present [sic] this is headquarters for all tribes traveling and defrant [different?] of those tribes If thay wish to go north I have to supply them with little rations for so meny days travil the plase here is lively yet for all I find the time in times longsome [lonesome] without my family, I did not aske Mr Galt about what you had dun for me in seeing Mr Dewdney but he mearly asked me that I had applied to Mr Dewdney but did not give me time to answer him but asked me to remain as I was much required at present here Mr Galt was very kind to me and quite satisfied with what I have dun and also let me have a bookkeeper also as I told him it was imposible for me to attend to all Trust to shoe [show] you how I give out rations to the Indians it works well I take the name of the man and give him a ticket and each family brings its ticket every morning no 1,2,3, and so on to the last family Yours truly John Setter"

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| G 8698 | A - 635 | Nov. 23, 1880 | Letter | Campbell, Sir A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: The introduction of bill re: extension of the boundaries. |  |

Handwritten scrawl

"Dear Mr Norquay, In compliance with your request I send you (privately) a draft of what I think would be the act to be passed by the Legislature in your province on the occasion of the proposed increase of your boundaries.

I would suggest that you have a fair copy made of this, or, better still, have it printed, and write officially to the Secretary of State here stating that it is the draft of the Bill which you propose to submit to the Legislature of your province, and that you would be glad to be informed whether it meets with the approbation of the Government of the Dominion. Faithfully yours, A Campbell"

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| G 8699 | A - 829 | March 4, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H.B. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosing $8.00 re: memo of lots in St. Andrews. | No Memo Enclosed |

My dear Mr. Norquay Please find enclosed $8.00 for the maps you sent me so kindly – will you return a receipt as voucher as it is an outlay for the estate.

I send you herewith a memo of lots in St Andrews St Clements & St Peters, which my friend Mr Evans is buying – can you locate them – that is tell me if possible about the no of each lot -- & what you consider their value – your kind attention to this will very greatly oblige me

How are you succeeding with your claim for additional subsidy for your Province? Are you likely to get your own lands?

Hope you are enjoying yourself at the capital – when will you be here again? With kind regards truly yours, H.D. Cameron

Are you making any progress about the titles to the St Peter's lands belonging to the Hyman Estate H.S.C.

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| G 8699 | A - 830 | Feb. 18, 1882 | Telegram | Colcleugh, James | Mount Forest | Norquay, John | Down Monday or Tuesday. | In Two Pieces |

Seems JN is at Russell Hotel – "RH" is his address]

"Will be down Monday or Tuesday James Colcleugh [sic]"

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| G 8699 | A - 831 | Jan. 29, 1882 | Letter | Setter, John | Qu'Appelle  Indian Office | Norquay, John | Re: Farming in North West. |  |

"My Dear Sir I received your letter and was happy to here from you all and more so to here of your going to Scotland to lecture

on the Northwest and I hope that the People of the old contry will take a great intrest to lison [listen] to a natif Born give them a true statement. There is for one Instance as I know dun [done] thru [threw] me at the farm at Fort Walsh, sowed wheat on the 10th of May 1880 and had it cut down by the 16th September without frost and good Prime wheat

As you know yourself there is a light frost most enny year in July but so light that it is not taking notice of

Enny farmer in the North West if he can manage to commence say from the 26th April he is safe from frost I have not been caught with frost since I have ben in the North West – I have taken it as a stand for this last few years from the 12th to the 16th of September that frost is liable to come at enny time

Hoping that this will be a little help to you and as for my land I am not at all prepared to sell as yet I have no thought for it as yet. Land will become valuable in a very few years. With kind regards to your self and family I remain yours faithfully John Setter I have ben up here for this last ten days"

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| G 8698 | A - 636 | 1883 | Petition | Many signatures | Division of Mountain | Norquay, John | Nomination papers for the electoral division of Mountain. | Poor  condition 3 pieces |

A request, signed by nearly 70 people, that Norquay allow his name to be put in nomination for the constituency of Mountain.

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| G 8698 | A - 637 | [No Date] | Memorandum | [N. A.] | Diocese of Rupert's Land |  | "On Missions". Rules respecting funding and administration of missions. | Printed |

Printed memorandum titled "On Missions" – synod gives exec committee power to dispense funds to missions

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| G 8698 | A - 638 | [No Date] | Election Song | Hodgson, John | City (Winnipeg) |  | "Our Big Premier". |  |

Draft, handwritten, of song "Hurrah for John our big Premier"

1 "Come along brave boys & welcome John Hurra Hurra

Come along brave boys & welcome John Hurra Hurra

"For he is again once more returned / and that by acclamation too…

Hurra for John our big Premier"

2 In party lines why there was none / In opposition there is none…

3 Manitoba rights he shall obtain / In spite of scandal and abuse …

4In figures too he is correct / The proof you'll find in Sir John A

Who welcomes his return again

5 I'm sorry boys you don't indulge / We'll send it all to Scotchmen's friend

You bet they'll soon suck it dry

6 Oh spare poor Scotchman for he is gray / And don't forget your school lessons

To honour old gray hair

7 Now Alick leap for John is clear / And Scotchman's organ shall be burst

And Biggs will bite his finger

8 Now let him to and have a dash / And learn poor Tom to stand snuff

And howl the disallowance cry

9 And what is Allen Jack about / … [unclear]

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| G 8698 | A - 639 | Nov. 5, 1880 | Ticket | [sgd' Acton Burrows Sec  Thos. Scott Chairman | [No Location] |  | Banquet honouring, Sir Chas. Tupper, City Hall, Winnipeg. | Ticket & Envelope |

Ticket to banquet, $2.50, at City Hall Wpg, for Sir Chas Tupper, KCMG

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| G 8698 | A - 640 (a) | Feb. [?] | Receipt | Storey, D. | City (Winnipeg) | Begg, A. | Acct. rendered. Pay $42.00 to Mr. Walker. Re: payment of Gov't. account. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 640 (b) | [No Date] | Note | Storey, David | City (Winnipeg) | Begg, A. |  |  |
| G 8698 | A - 640 (c) | [No Date] | Letter | Begg, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Walker, Mr. |  |  |

The handwriting of the last is precise and flowing – very familiar – JN's secretary?

A/c for A Begg, 4 Nov $72. Pd 9 Nov: two installments of 15.00 each

Memo from Begg to D M Walker – this a/c was partly mine, partly Govt – I paid 30.00, balance is $42.00 "It was at different times & Storey will tell you whether it was on Government a/c. Yours truly A Begg"

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| G 8698 | A - 641 | Sept. 1881 | Letter | Boyd, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Piece of Land. | No Cover |

"RedWood, Nr Winnipeg 7 Sept 81 My dear Norquay I send you word according to promise although of not much use I expect -- from all I can gather from neighbours on both sides. I shall hold my land from the main road out to the [prite]? 1000$ per acre – less for cash – beyond that I shall not sell. Yours ever A Boyd"

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| G 8698 | A - 642 | Oct. 5, 1882 | Letter | Brown, John [clerk] | County of Russell, Shell River | Norquay, John | Voters List. | List not included |

To clerk of exec council – enclosed is voters list for County of Russell "There are no tenants here – every one is owner – the non-resident electors I have written NR after the names"

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| G 8698 | A - 643 | May 23, 1881 | Letter | Collins, Thomas, Mayor of Portage la Prairie | City | Norquay, John | Audience of self and Dr. Cowan about Slough. | No Cover |

"Will you please grant an audience to Dr. Cowan and self for the purpose of laying certain propositions before your Government concerning assistance for improving and draining the slough situated in the Town of Portage la Prairie?"

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| G 8698 | A - 644 | [No Date] | Memo | [No Name] | [No Location] |  | Statistics of freight cars moved in and out of Winnipeg, 25 June [?] 2 July [?] | 2 pp. No Cover |

[two neat tables: "freight cars moved in and out of Winnipeg Week ending Sunday night June 25th [and same for July 2nd]

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|  | Paying freight | Company's material | Emptycars | Total |
| Out of Winnipeg south | 36 | 12 | 1058 | 1106 |
| Into Winnipeg from south | 658 | 377 |  | 1035 |
| Out of Winnipeg West | 533 | 310 |  | 843 |
| Into Winnipeg from West | 57 | 50 | 716 | 823 |
| Out of Winnipeg East | 29 |  | 561 | 590 |
| Into Winnipeg from East | 117 | 389 |  | 506 |
|  | 1430 | 1138 | 2335 | 4903 |

The next week's numbers are lower – 3639 in total. Presumably this is a CPR statement, and presumably for JN's benefit.

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| G 8698 | A - 645 | [No Date] | Letter | Eden, A.F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Telegrams & Memo. | No Cover |

Manitoba Club stationery: "Tuesday eve Dear Mr Norquay: Will you kindly give the bearer the three telegrams and the memo I gave you this afternoon. I will return them in the morning. Yours sincerely, Arthur F. Eden"

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| G 8698 | A - 646 | March 7, 1881 | Letter | Grisdale, Canon | St. John's Ladies' School City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Recommending for R.B. Shore. Customs Appraiser. | No Cover |

From the Ladies' School to Norquay at Russell House, Ottawa, re Richard Shore's application to appraiser in the Customs, a position vacated by the sudden death of C.U. Lindsay – if JN could "get Captn Scott and Dr. Schultz to second your efforts I should esteem it a favour. Your two daughters are very well and longing for your return.

With best wishes, I am, My dear Mr. Norquay faithfully yours, …"

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| G 8698 | A - 647 | Oct. 8, 1880 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of meeting of the G.N.W. Tel. Co. | No Cover |

"Dear Sir I beg to notify you that the 1st General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Great North Western Telegraph Company will be held in Winnipeg at the office of M.A.M. Aikens Esq" on 10 Nov at 4:00 pm…"

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| G 8698 | A - 648 | April 11, 1882 | Letter | Littleton, E.P. | London, England | Norquay, John | Intro Mr. Cope. | No Cover |

"Dear Mr Norquay Your kindness to me when, as Lord Dufferin's Secretary, I visited Winnipeg emboldens me to introduce to your notice through the medium of this letter Mr. Charles Fredrick Cope; he is the son of one of my father's tenants, and just the sort to make a good colonist, having a good practical knowledge of 'Stock' being a good rider, and clever at breaking horses, together with a knowledge of wheelwrights' & blacksmith's work…" if you can help him find work, or advise him how to obtain it….

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| G 8698 | A - 649 | April 8, 1882 | Letter | Littleton, E.P. | London, England | Norquay, John | Intro Mr. Aston. | No Cover |

Same as above, another son, Fredrick Aston, of father's tenants, etc.

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| G 8698 | A - 650 | Aug. 23, 1881 | Letter | Nursey, Walter R. | Orillia | Norquay, John | Re: His sudden trip to Ontario. | 3 pp. No Cover |

'My dear Mr. Norquay You will have heard from Mr. Walker ere this of my sudden calling away to Canada, on account of Mrs. Nursey's sudden sickness which precluded all possibility of my seeing you before leaving. Mr. Walker however kindly undertook to grant the necessary leave of absence, and promised to explain to you all about it, and up to this moment I have been so much exercised in my mind, that it has seemed almost impossible for me to write you a line.

You will be pleased to learn however that tho' Mrs. N. is not herself yet, still she is comparatively speaking all right. The trouble was an attack of cholera mortees [?] you know what an alarming and painful sickness it is, and can imagine the fright it gave everyone here.

We leave tomorrow for Toronto, where after staying for a few days, & where I hope to get some benefit and quid pro quo for the expense of the undertaking, we shall embark from, on the return trip to Manitoba.

If there is anything I can do for you, let me know – it will be ten days before I can start for home – a letter addressed c/o V. E. Fuller, Barrister, Hamilton, will duly reach me.

You may not readily credit it but after an absence of several years from Eastern Canada, it falls flat. There is a marked want of that lively rush which characterizes Manitoba, and already am I hungry for a whiff of prairie air. As for my wife, now all repentant, she vows, she won't leave Manitoba again.

I think you ought to give me a gratuity out of 'unforeseen,' for I have been preaching Manitoba first, and your Government, with such alarming persistence, ever since I have been down, that I have set everybody by the gears. I [? Conceded?] a whole gang at the depot at St. Paul.

So far I have strenuously avoided all actions that might smack of even a suspicion of impropriety, and hence you will be pleased to hear, have not been charged even with any peccadillo.

Trusting that yourself, Mrs. Norquay & in particular the 'afterthought' are well, I am Sincerely yours, Walter R. Nursey"

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| G 8698 | A - 651 | March 18, 1881 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | Cobourg | Norquay, John | Report [of] illness. | No Cover |

Addressed to JN at Russell House:

"Dear Mr Norquay I hear this morning that you are ill – confined to bed. If this is the case, and I can be of use to you, please let me know and if necessary I shall be in Ottawa on Sunday morning. I trust, however, that the report is incorrect. Yours faithfully…"

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| G 8698 | A - 652 | Aug. 15, 1882 | Letter | Sherwood, [L.P.] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Salary increase | No Cover |

Letterhead of Dept of public works MB

"Dear Sir: I have written to the Lt Gov in Council re increase of salary and now ask you to assist me in obtaining the same. "I am very anxious to bring my wife and child up from Ontario having been separated from them for a year and a half but cannot do so unless I obtain the desired increase. Hoping that you will assist me in this matter and that I may some day be of service to you…."

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| G 8698 | A - 653 | March 7, 1881 | Letter | Shore, R.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Position as Appraiser of Customs at Selkirk. | No Cover |

applying for Appraiser of Customs, "…and not being personaly accuainted [sic] with you" … I sought Cannon [sic] Grisdale's help. "I am now as you are aware Bailiff of Selkirk …."

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| G 8698 | A - 654 | Feb. 4, 1882 | Letter | White, Fred | [Ottawa] | Norquay, John | To meet Sir John. |  |

"My dear Premier Sir John instructs me to say, in reply to your note, that he will see you this afternoon, at room No. 4 House of Commons. Yours in haste, Fred White"

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| G 8698 | A - 655 | Feb. 11, 1882 | Letter | Van Koughnet,. Dept. of Indian Affairs | Canada | Norquay, John | No school returns from Cumberland Schools. |  |

"No Returns have been received in this Branch from the School taught by Rev. Mr. McKenzie at Cumberland" – civil servant to VK, fwded to JN by VK. [presumably JN is interested in either Cumberland or McKenzie]

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| G 8698 | A - 656 | March 5, 1881 | Letter | Norquay, John | Ottawa | MacDonald, Sir John A. | Macdonald's reply on dorse [n.d.]. Re: subject of note. |  |

"My dear Sir John I am here if you wish to see me if not I will go & attend to the subject of your note immediately. Sincerely Yours, J Norquay"

Annotated on back: "My dear Norquay I won't want you today JAMcD"

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| G 8698 | A - 657 | April 13, 1881 | Telegram | Campbell, A. | Ottawa Ont. | Norquay, John | Sir John to consider subject. |  |

"Had proposed it day after you left Sir John to consider it today he hopes A Campbell"

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| G 8698 | A - 658 | Dec. 1881 | Receipt | Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $188.25. For horses, etc. |  |

To Hon J Norquay

"To balance due as per a/c rendered (for horses etc) $188.25"

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| G 8698 | A - 659 | Sept. 12, 1881 | Letter | Ryan, Thomas D. | Seaforth, Ont. | Walker, Mr. | Enclosing papers re: Greenway. | No  enclosure |

To Walker Esq Dear Sir Enclosed find papers about Greenway -- … If you want more to the same effect I can get them for you." [Ryan as merchant in grocery, wine, etc, and presumably the same man who was in shoe business in Wpg?]

Receipts #660-#679 -- see printed pages

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| G 8698 | A - 680 | 1881 | Index |  |  |  | Private Accounts and Receipts of Hon. J. Norquay, 1881. "Index of accounts filed by my predecessor (sgd) A[rthur] W. Pritchard". |  |

Photocopy – good summary of bills for 1881

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| G 8698 | A - 693 | Sept. 6, 1881 | Receipt | O'Gara Lapierre and Remon | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $26.00. |  |

Unusual bill, presumably from law firm:

"Attending twice at Mr. MacKintosh's house about affidavits of Thomas Newton & Wm D. O'Brien $10.00

Drafting special affidavit of Thomas Newton $5.00

Reading same to Newton, $1.00

Attending to get sworn & paid $1.00

Drafting affidavit of William D. O'Brien 3.00

Etc total $26.00

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| G 8698 | A - 694 | Sept. 7, 1881 | Promissory Note | Lion Life Insurance Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $123.38. |  |

[Printed form with blanks filled in]: "123.38 September 7 1881 Two months after date I promise to pay to the Lion Life Insurance Company…the sum of one hundred & twenty-three 38/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of seven percent per annum till paid, for value received, being the first ½ year premium for an assurance of $2500.00 in the said Company on the life of Hon. John Norquay …." [sgd] J. Norquay" [sealed with Canada 6 cent Queen Victoria stamp – interesting image of queen –

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| G 8698 | A - 695 | Aug. 1, 1881 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $26.45. |  |

2 July: oatmeal, raisins, currants, rice, b powder, bot ginger, bot ess lemon, cinnamon, cr tartar, pkg salenntus [?], orange peel, nutmeg, etc – pd. $25 cash, owes 26.45

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| G 8698 | A - 697 | Aug. 1881 | Receipt | North British Canadian Investment Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $30.80. Re: Carney Mortgages. |  |

JN has an involvement, because his name is connected to this document, in a loan from NBCI Co for $480, and interest from Sept to Dec is $30.80 – and this is called the Carney Mortgages

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| G 8698 | A - 707 | May 1, 1881 | Receipt | Bannatyne, A.G.B. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $43.45. |  |

17 Dec/80 – lemon peel, orange peel, cinnamon, cloves, allspeice, 1 bot brandy (1.75), 1 gal whiskey (2.50),rice, box apples, box raisins, tea (8.80), sugar, currants

24 Dec 2 gals whiskey (5.00) – total 43.45

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| G 8698 | A - 711 | July 1, 1881 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $50.10. |  |

**Horseshoe & carriage works**: 21 April 4 new shoes (2.00) Repair buggy seat .75

28 April – 1 shaft & whiffletree (3.50)

6 June – painting buggy (15.00), 1 top, oil cloth (22.00),, 1 sett whiffletrees ($41), 5 shoes sett (1.25)

23 June – 1 new shoe and 3 sett (1.25)

27 June – 1 bolt & 1 clip .35 total $50.10 on 1 July 1881

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| G 8698 | A - 722 | June 16, 1881 | Bank Notice | Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | To Provincial Treasurer. Overdrawn $21,330.00. |  |

Your bank account (Govt of MB) is overdrawn $21,330. 'You will be good enough to give this your immediate attention." "To Jno Norquay, Treasr, Prov Govt of Manitoba, City"

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| G 8698 | A - 728 | May 2, 1881 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co, | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $4.00. |  |

Druggist: 4 Dec/80 Bot Enos' Fruit Salt 1.25

2 April Bot Cit of magnesia .50 tooth paste .50 pills 4989 - .50

Bot byetic [?] saline 1.25 total $4.00

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| G 8698 | A - 745 | Oct. 22, 1881 | Letter | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Private. Re: barristers from Ontario not being allowed to practice in Manitoba. |  |

Famous lawyer exam issue:

"My dear Norquay I was astonished on being informed that your Legislature had ostracised my professional brethren from the other provinces and that they must undergo an examination de novo in Manitoba.

I suppose this must be in consequence of the higher standard of education with you than in Toronto or Quebec. At all events it has excited the indignation of the profession and will continue to do so, and I fear that some hostile Legislation on the subject will be pressed upon the consideration of the Dominion Parliament next session, such for instance as a provision that no Superior or County Judges will be appointed from the Manitoba Bar, and that no Manitoba professional men will be allowed to practice in the Dominion Courts etc or have any Government business, so long as the restriction is continued.

I am sure that your Attorney General will not sanction such illiberal Legislation and will see to its repeal at an early day.

This of course is entre nous entirely. Yours faithfy John A Macdonald

[sgd in a different pen and hand than the letter itself]

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| G 8698 | A - 746 | June 23, 1881 | Letter | Anderson, John H. | Lorne, Pembina | Walker, D.H., Attorney General | Enclosing $5.00 for stamps required to be on the Commission. |  |

Encloses "$5.00 for stamps required to be on the commission" – to Atty Gen Walker

#747-751 "receipts" or bills Nov 1881

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| G 8698 | A - 752 | 1881 | Subscription List | Manitoba College Board | City (Winnipeg) | Friends of the College. Norquay, John | Requesting sub - and giving a full estimate of the cost of the building. |  |

Interesting to see list of 100 donors: sums from $30 to $1000 (the late Joseph McKay Mtl)

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| G 8698 | A - 753 | [No Date] | Letter | Isbister, M. [Mrs.] | [England] | "My Dear Niece" | Enclosing cheque of 10 pounds for John Isbister. |  |

From 20 Milner Sq, Barnesbury [annotation: "about cheque to brother in law"

"My dear niece You are I think a neighbour of my brother in law John Isbister My son has for several years past allowed him a little pension of 10 L a year & I should be much obliged if you will let him have the enclosed cheque which he will cash as he has done similar ones at McArthur's Bank I send it to you because owing to his great age we feel not having heard lately of or from him that he is perhaps no longer alive. If so would you kindly cash the cheque which has been drawn on Mr. Norquay's name & expend it for the benefit of any of poor McDonald's children or any other of our poor relations who may be in need of any little assistance in the way you think best.

Write soon & tell me all about our friends & relations. I long so to hear about them. How is Bella MacBeth getting on in her home. We are all quite well I am happy to say the only thing is my sight is failing I can only see with one eye.

Does my granddaughter Emma go to see you sometimes. With our wish of love to all Your dear Auntie M Isbister

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| G 8698 | A - 754 | 1882 | Meeting Notice/ Postcard | Matheson, Saml. P. Secretary St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Council. |  |

Council of St John's College – mtg at Bishop's Court, 20th, 5:00

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| G 8698 | A - 755 | 1881 [1882? Other? | Notes | Memorandum | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Speech - St. Clements". | 2 pp. |

Cover sheet: "Notes of a speech at St. Clement 1881" -- memo is handwritten, perhaps by JN:

"Committee advise that the increase of the subsidy mentioned in the despatch be accepted as a temporary relief from financial embarrassment but while doing so they express their regret that the Privy Council did not see fit to adopt the suggestions contained in the memorandum of the delegates referring to subsidy & the administration of the Public & School Lands. They would also place on record their dissent from the analogy attempted to be established by the Privy Council between the Provinces of Manitoba & Prince Edward Island in reference to the allowance made in lieu of public lands as the whole also place on record their dissent from the comparisons drawn of the relations of the U States Federal Govt to the Territories being applied as analogous to the relations of the Dominion Govt to Manitoba as they believe that a strict application of the British North America Act to our case is amply sufficient without travelling outside of our constitution for arguments to justify the attitude that Canada has persistently taken towards this Province."

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| G 8698 | A - 756 | April 25, 1881 | Letter | Campbell, A. (Min. of Justice) | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Private. Acknowledging telegrams of 12th & 21st inst. Stating [bill] up today and advising of a bill reciting our bill. |  |

Handwritten "Private" note from Campbell:

"My dear Sir, The official despatch asked for in your telegrams of the 12th & 21st instant goes up today. We think here that it would be well that your Legislature should pass a further Bill reciting our Bill and adopting and confirming it. This is Sir John Macdonald's view more than mine, and I desire to impress upon you the expediency of adopting it. Faithfully yours, A. Campbell"

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| G 8698 | A - 757 | Nov. 26, 1881 | Letter | Wood, J.H. | Birtle | Norquay, John | Re: A seat in the Senate and re: local politics. |  |

Long letter, private, re Manitoba's now being entitled to another Senate seat and provl politics – "I may inform you confidentially that Sir John advised me three years ago to wait for and play for the position." – we on the western boundary deserve it and I could serve MB well. "I may say that I am committed to the task of contesting this constituency for the Commons in the Conservative interest…. Leacock has allowed himself to be used as a catspaw by the grits and lost the election to our party…."

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| G 8698 | A - 758 | Dec. 30, 1881 | Telegram | Oliver, Walter | Rat Portage | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay to answer his messages of some days ago. |  |

To JN: "Please answer my message of some days since" [?]

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| G 8698 | A - 759 | Nov. 14, 1881 | Letter | Cowlard, Copland | Ossowo, Man. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. re: will not be in town during office hours before he leaves and asking him to give any samples he may get to his wife. |  |

Dear Sir I called at your office twice after I saw you there on Thursday but was not fortunate enough to find you in. I shall not be in town … will you kindly give any samples you may get to my wife who will call for them on the 24th and 25th…."

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| G 8698 | A - 760 (a) | Nov. 8, 1881 | Letter | Royal, J.C.S. | St. Boniface | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to protect note of Mr. Royal. | In French |
| G 8698 | A - 760 (b) | Nov. 10, 1881 | Letter | Royal, J.C.S. | St. Boniface | Norquay, John | Re: Above. | In French |

"Monsieur, Madame Royal (Maman) m'a prié de vous demander si l'ordre de L'Hon. J. Royal était arrive pour qu'elle retire $500 a/c sur les impressions. Si vous avez reçu l'ordre Madame Royal vous demande de lui envoyer le cheque par le porteur.

Je suis à faire les comptes du Gouvernement et aussitôt que je traverserai je passerai au bureau vous donner un reçu…."

The second letter asks that JN give the bearer the cheque which he must have received from papa in New York, and which requires immediate attention because the crossing is becoming more and more difficult, and because we have "un projet" [protet?] at the Bank of Montreal that we must "solder demain."

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| G 8698 | A - 761 | Nov. 10, 1881 | Letter | Whyman, E.W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note sent by the above as order for balance due on Sir A.T. Galt's dinner $220.20. |  |

Royal Exchange Hotel proprietor -- addressed to "Brown Esq" amt owing from Sir A Galt's dinner: $220.20

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| G 8698 | A - 762 | April 30, 1881 | Letter | Lane, I.J. [or SJ?] M.P.? | Owen Sound | Norquay, John | Requesting appt. for J.I. Cochrane. |  |

H of C stationery, flowing hand:

Writes on behalf of J J Cochrane, formerly of Owen Sound, now of Nelsonville MB, who is seeking an appointment: 'He is a very fair scholar with a good (almost as good as mine) hand and is a good supporter of our party and reliable."

"Hoping that you have not suffered from Hotel diet in Ottawa which is not to me the ne plus ultra of Member's existence."

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| G 8698 | A - 763 | April 9, 1880 | Letter | White, William R. | Pembroke, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay's influence with Sir John to secure him a position. | 2 pp. |

Very nice penmanship: Seeks JN's aid in getting John A's support for a federal job in MB: – "I dare say if I should ask you to help me you would be surprised at my cheek but that would only argue that you did not know the extent to which I have cultivated that particular quality…. I know you are but slightly acquainted with me and the liberty I take is consequently a great one. Should you however interest yourself in my behalf the debt of gratitude you will impose upon me will be correspondingly greater…."

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| G 8698 | A - 764 | May 2, 1881 | Letter | Stickney, A.B., Manager Canadian Pacific Railway | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Desiring an interview with Mr. Norquay on business matter. |  |

Letterhead of his own, nice hand: "I desire to have a few moments with you on a business matter. I have called at your office but have been unfortunate in finding you. Will you have the kindness to name an hour….? Please respond by bearer, Very Truly Yours,…

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| G 8698 | A - 765 | May 3, 1881 | Letter | Setter, C.C. | Portage la Prairie | Brother-in-law (Norquay, John) | Asking where the C.P.R. crosses the Assiniboine. |  |

New salutation: "My dear Brother in Law There is at present a great deal of excitement to the whereabouts the rail road is going to cross the Assiniboine out west. There is a good spect [prospect? speculation?] in investing in land out there. Could you give me any information where it will run over the river. Mind this is secret if you know any thing about it. Please let me know as soon as possible let us try and make some thing this time [J and I??] I would like to see him do some thing as well as the next man and you would just like to see the same I know and hear is a good chance if you can give me any information about it. Bliving me Yours most respectively, C.C. Setter"

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| G 8698 | A - 766 | April 12, 1881 | Letter | Lash, T.A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Walter Chesterton. |  |

Introducing architect Walter Chesterton who is moving to Wpg

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| G 8698 | A - 767 | May 20, 1881 | Letter | MacArthur, D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. Dowes' letter and also a letter from Ins. Co. inquiry about the Bonds granted to the M&NWRR. |  |

Merchants Bank letterhead: "My dear Mr. Norquay, I return Mr. Downe's [Dowes?] letter & am much obliged for the perusal. I rec'd a letter this morning from one of the largest insurance coys in Canada making enquiry about the Bonds granted to the M. & NW. Ry Coy Yours very truly D MacArthur

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| G 8698 | A - 768 | July 16, 1881 | Letter | Norquay, Joseph | Clandeboye | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. Norquay to buy one of his children's grants. |  |

"Hon John Norquay Dear Sir I am in a little trubel will you bye [buy] a grant it is one of my childrens I have the patent for them it is a good grant it is near wards point old Edward Mowat has been making Hay on it 2 years it is in Township 14 Rang 3, Section NE ¼ of 12 & S.1/2 of S.E. ¼ of 13 will you let me know by the first mail you would greatly oblige if you could we are all well Yours Truly Joseph Norquay"

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| G 8698 | A - 769 | Sept. 5, 1881 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Re: Location of station grounds at High Bluff. |  |

"Dear Friend In writing once more to impress you on the matter of station grounds being on my land do not think for a moment that I think you are not representing my case But I have heard of parties at the Bluff writing to Stickney & General Rosser and offering land for station purposes. Now I beg to say in introducing the subject for me you can guarintee sufficent [sic] ground of my land as they may require for station use Tell them that the only landing is opposite my place as well If that would more likely to induce the case you can use it if you like however I leave the matter entirely to your own consideration I was very sorry I could not have you a night to mself [sic] when up I felt hurt very much I am sure you always new [sic] that I have used you and confided in you as my only friend in this world.

I hope these few lines will meet your harty [sic] approval and that you may overlook any imperfectness which you see and know of me. Hoping to hear from you soon I remain your Friend Most Respectfully Andrew Spence"

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| G 8698 | A - 770 | Aug. 24, 1881 | Letter | Kenny, John A. & Luxton, Wm. F. Manitoba Free Press | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Monkman Jr. of Peguis sub to paper & payments made. Free Press Office. |  |

Free Press letterhead, Dear Sir – re your letter of 18th inst re sub of Hos. Monkman Jr Peguis "In reply we would say that on two occasions $5.00 was placed to credit of said J. Monkman Jr the first $5.00 paying his sub from Novr 21/74 to Decr 31/76 and the last $5.00 paying his sub from Decr. 31/77 to Decr 31/79. We are positive that you paid us one of these $5.00 and are strongly of the opinion that you made both payments. Since last payment was made we have not rend Monkman a/c." Yours Truly…per JMacG [?]

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| G 8698 | A - 771 | July 19, 1881 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford or Norquay City. |  |

Letterhead: Scarth, Cochran & Co Toronto: "My Dear Norquay Re Norquay City – Darlingford I beg to advise having today discounted a draft made by R.H.R. Munro Esq on you payable to my order dated 14th July 1881 at three months. This is to pay Rombough's account and retire draft due 17/20 August re above matters. Please accept on presentation. Yours truly W. B. Scarth

[at side of letter:] Draft $150 Rombough's a/c $109 Disct &tc $6 = $265

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| G 8698 | A - 772 | Aug. 9, 1881 Aug. 31, 1881 | Letter | Adams, C. | Pas Post | Neestaw [Norquay, John] | Family matters. | 2 pp. |

Pas Post August 9th 81

"Dear Neestaw I have to acknowledge the receipt of yr favours of 31st May & July 22. The latter I got on the 4th inst & the former only yesterday via Carlton. You can't believe how glad yr sister was to hear of your new Tanis [daughter?] & that poor Elizbth was getting on well. Horace too was so glad – poor Horace scarcely had his eyes opened when he went on board the steamer as it arrived at 3.30 a.m. & left at 4. I had no time to even read yrs of May 31st much less to refer to it. I noticed that you were a long time away to Ottawa. I would like you could send an a/c of the size of the new Province or rather the extended one & also –result- of census, in any paper that contains it. We are glad to notice the growth of Manitoba, apart from enlargement - its institutions &c &c - & that an old R.R. boy has a big say in it.

Horace will tell you about us all. I would like him to visit all his cousins first before he goes up particularly as there is sickness at High Bluff & I am writing to Tom to address his letters for Horace to you at Winnipeg & then only seldom, I don't fear for our children as they had the Hooping cough already, I was nearly keeping him i.e. Horace for some time yet but he was burning to get away from here to his cousins & brother.

You ask, 'What are yr chances of promotion?' all I can say is that I feared there was none as along as this administration lasts here, I mean Mr B, he knows I know too much of his extravagance & mismanagement & as usual with him in such cases tries all he can to injure such person. As you know I am always guarded & now allude to particulars in our affairs. The long & short is I gave in my resignation this spring & I suppose shall leave next June. I am thinking of going west either to P Albert or Edmonton. I know I shall have a hard pull by my doing so – as I shall not have a cent except what I shall get for my pce of Land. I have been worried & bothered for years to take this step & am doing so for peace, if possible at the same time I shall be glad if I can secure sufficient land for my children. I could get about $600.00 from the Coy & I get $120.00 from Govt, & which will be $700 at least. It will be a change to get none at all. I get $10.00 per month for dispensing medicine to Indians on Treaty #5 which is a help.

I have not seen Mr Belanger since Council, but I know him & his representations. I saw Mr. Graham but as the Str [steamer, steamboat] only landed for 5 minutes I could not have any talk with him of myself. I don't see how we can go on any visit to Manitoba in spring. We shall likely go right up from here. Tom could go across land with his uncle as far as Carlton or P.A.

What chance will there be up there for Registrar or anything like that I would not bother you if it would be risky for you, but if you could use your influence I am sure you could give us a helping hand. I hate to ask you, but shall this once, but only if it is not out of the way, to compromise yourself.

I shall be glad if you can see Horace on the cars for High Bluff & warn him of the danger of going about where the cars are going.

I am glad to say we are all well – I shall close how & add a P.S. when the Str passes down Yrs Affly C Adams

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| G 8698 | A - 772 | Aug. 9, 1881 Aug. 31, 1881 | Letter | Adams, C. | Pas Post | Neestaw [Norquay, John] |

**Pas Post Augst 31st 1881**

"Dear Neestaw I wrote you a few days ago by the Northcote regarding myself & requesting your influence to get some office – Registrar or the like in the Sasktn. Since writing as above I have been advised by a friend, whose name I am not at liberty to give, to try for Indian Agency for Ft. Alexander, Brokenhead River, Rosseau, &c. The friend referred to knows all about it & says that the acting agent for Ft. Alexander &c&c, are only employed temporarily. He thinks that there would be little difficulty in yr procuring said position – he will also likely see you & have a talk about it, he is personally known to you – is all I can say. I shall be anxious to hear from you as soon as you can on the subject of, either the substance of this, or my previous letter.

We were both glad & vexed yesterday - glad in receiving quite a lot of letters & vexed that they had been taken past by 'Str Lily' to Carlton then bro't down by 'Northcote.' In any case they were very welcome. They were from Bella, Alex, Horace from Grand Rapids, Tom, Annie & others from outsiders as well as some from my brothers. They like P.A. & are getting along well Joseph had only got out shortly before – 50 days en route but all right – family 7 cattle. They have secured good ½ sec land each.

How Bella does brag up that Tanis of yrs – 'small face, small feet, small nose, small hands & goodness knows what other admirations' -- & everything is 'just like Papas' We can imagine what extravagant loving epithets are showered on the little esgnāchaRan (?) [sic] I wonder.

Well Neesta tell the truth we do rejoice with you. As for yr sister – she is as glad as if it is her own & is only anxious that Elizabeth will not take good enough care of herself. We too have a darling girl & tho' plain at first is now a fine (to us pretty) child – her hair that was dark is light now, very much like the ones' hair, that we lost.

Joe has taken in his head to go to school & has attended this 2 days Charlie is almost as small as ever but has a new name about every month.

We were disappointed in the Gov General not coming down the River great preparations were made to receive him in vain With kind regards to all

Remain yr affte Keestaw C. Adams"

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| G 8698 | A - 773 | Aug. 2, 1881 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Re: Station location at High Bluff. |  |

"My dear Norquay Would you kindly inform me with earliest convience [sic] if you have seen General Rosser or have you written to him and if so what kind of an answer have you goten [sic] from him I am particularly anxious to know if they have yet decided were [sic: where] they intend to mark out the station I depend on your kindness for me to use your influence in order to secure the station on my land. I think it would be a great Benefit to myself & as well to the neighbours all round If the chief engineer or Professer is true to his word he intended to recommend my place to the Head party of this work and I think if you back him for the same end all will be well with our neighbourhood we are overlooked too long altogether Nothing in our midst to take away the dull life of this place we must either go to Poplar Point or Portage La Prairie to get a cash market for produce no good of me telling you these things you know well I remain yours Respectfully Andrew Spence

PS We are busy at the hay just now and the harvest will be ready in a week. Yours Andrew Spence Give my respects to home

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| G 8698 | A - 774 | July 12, 1881 | Letter | Tilley, S.L. [?J.L.] | St. John N.B. | Norquay, John | Introducing Chas. F. Tuck. |  |

"My dear Mr. Norquay I take the liberty of giving my young friend Chas F. Tuck of this city a letter of introduction to you. He goes to the NorthWest intending to make it his home, & will take Government employment for the summer but will seek something else, ere long…. Any attention that you may find it convenient to shew him will be highly appreciated by yours sincerely, S.L. Tilley"

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| G 8698 | A - 775 | July 9, 1881 | Letter | Scarth, W.B.  Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Millers and cheque for $150.00. | 2 pp. |

"My Dear Norquay Your two letters of 5th inst duly received.

We had nearly a dozen applications from millers here to build but could not give them any answer until we heard from you. However I know Mr Strange very well indeed, and as I telegraphed you today should prefer that you arrange with him although some of the names we had were good names; and they are good millers.

I would like to have the plans as soon as you get it, and let us have particulars of what sales you have made; as we think we can make good sales here of some of the lots.

Your acceptance of $150.00 fell due the other day. I sent my cheque down to the Bank, but found it was due in Winnipeg what has become of it?

I am glad to hear that you have such favorable expectations with regard to the Town. I hope to see you next month. Yours truly W.B. Scarth [sgd himself, as opposed to rest of letter handwritten by a secretary]

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| G 8698 | A - 776 | July 11, 1881 | Letter | Graham, W.J. | Grand Valley, MB | Norquay, John | Election matters. |  |

"Answered 15/7/81" scrawled across top – "Dear Sir Please tell Mr. Evans, my friend, "all the information at your disposal regarding the forthcoming local Elections, as I intend being a candidate…." – who eligible to vote, when election will occur, when sessions are held, allowance amount, "and the questions likely to come up at the next two sessions. Also any of the points against the Government which Mr. Woodworth is likely to bring forward.

I have written you previously and have done so again on account of our mail service being so precarious, we do not know just when to expect our letters."

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| G 8698 | A - 777 | Nov. 3, 1881 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | Birtle | Norquay, John | Re: Election in his riding. |  |

"My dear Mr. Norquay I am sorry I shall not have the pleasure of sitting with you in the house, but I did my best to win. Leacock in what I conceive to be a selfish spirit killed me & did himself no good, he cut my vote right from underneath me, if he had done what I wanted him to do go in and help me, together we could have controlled the riding, as it is, it is placed in the hands of a second rate man and a reformer. Clement got 137, Cummings 121 [?] and I got 113, Leacock about 70, if he had not placed me in the position of opponent on the platform, he would not have been injured in the riding. I raised powerful and popular arguments against his candidature on a/c of the many interests he represented which were not identical with the people in the legislature. I am very much obliged to you for your kind assistance and for the friendly notice that appeared in the Times. I trust I shall be on hand to do battle at the general election when I may be in a position of better financial strength to win a contest. If you can throw anything in my direction to help me to push my fortunes I shall be much obliged to you – With kind regards Believe me Sincerely yours C.A. Boulton

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| G 8698 | A - 778 | Nov. 3, 1881 | Letter | Brown, C.P. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Land grant. |  |

Toronto Queen's Hotel stationery, scrawl as usual:

Dear Norquay I am strongly impressed all the Local charters South, S.E. or East rly will be disallowed. Of course I will try & save my own. Are you much personally interested in S.E.

I spent last evening with Mr. Pope & I told him I thought you had an interest in the S.E. He replied he knew you had a large interest in it. I shall return to Ottawa tomorrow & McMn & Martin go to N. York. We have had the devils own time re land grant but I am impressed we will succeed but you know Sir John. We have had two long interviews with him & he has promised all the other Ministers (except possibly Sir Hector) are favourable. Sir Chas & Sir Leonard & Col Dennis very much so.

McPherson will be Min. of I. [nterior] & Sir J wants to see him. I hope everything is getting along well. What are you doing to C. J. Wood – Don't kill him. Yours truly

C.P. Brown

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| G 8698 | A - 779 | Nov. 3, 1881 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Draft. Please accept. | 2 pp. |

Letterhead of Scarth, Cochran & Co

"Dear Sir Your three days sight draft on W.B. Scarth was duly paid.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Scarth in Winnipeg and in accordance with my general instructions, Mr. R.H.R. Munro has drawn on you at three months from 31st October for $271.50 payable to my order. This I have discounted through Federal Bank and it will be presented to you for acceptance. Please accept when presented.

W B Scarth / Per G F Madden [?]"

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| G 8698 | A - 780 | 1881 | Letter | Begg, A[lexander] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. Norquay's property at St. Andrews. |  |

n.d. "Dear Mr. Norquay Can you make out a rough plan of your property at St. Andrews showing river frontage and how it runs back. I have an idea which I will see you about to-night at 8 o'clock. Please give it to Alick I want it at once. Yours truly A Begg

Show course of river bank"

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| G 8698 | A - 781 | Oct. | Memo | Gerrie, R. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Note maturing November 4th. |  |

"Dear Sir Your note for $80.62 matures Nov 4 when your kind attention to same will oblige R Gerrie & Co "

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| G 8698 | A - 783 | Oct. 26, 1881 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | J.F. Ruttan and Co. Re: Darlingford town site. | 2 pp. |

Letterhead of Ruttan Real Estate, Wpg, crossed out – Queen's Hotel Toronto "Dear Mr. Norquay It is very important that we should secure a town site in the S.West. By using a little energy and spending 50 or 60000 we can make a capital thing of it and if Darlingford does not offer the best situation with regard to the Railways it has occurred to me that we wd be wise in buying up the best site wherever it may be. Let us get that and I will promise a grand success. I am sure Mr. Scarth will go in and I have already spoken to Foy & count on strong backing from him. We shant have such another chance in a century.

If you can get the precise location of the Southwestern Ry beyond Calf Mountain you Mr. Scarth & Mr. Funnell with my brother could determine on the best site & buy two or 3 sections on the best terms Bedford can make. We can safely go 20,000 for the land and in a year hence can have a $20,000 grist mill turning out 300 to 400 barrels of flour per diem – a flax mill started and the foundations laid for the best town outside of Winnipeg. … Many of your friends ask remembrance Neman particularly desires to be remembered " R.A. Ruttan

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| G 8698 | A - 784 | Oct. 18, 1881 | Letter | Tilley, Sir S.L. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter dated 12th Inst. re: making new appointments in the Civil Service. |  |

Embossed Finance Dept stationery, secretary's hand, Tilley's signature:

"My dear Sir: I am just in receipt of your letter of 12th inst and would say that are not preparing to make any new appointments to the office at Winnipeg.

Mr. Street is returning to Ottawa and we are sending for six months another of our Civil Service clerks. Yours faithfully S.L. Tilley"

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| G 8698 | A - 785 | Oct. 14, 1881 | Letter | Setter, John,  Farm Instructor | Crooked Lake Farming Agency | Norquay, John | Re: Strayed horse. |  |

"My Dear Sir I hard of you visiting Qu'Appelle I wish you came my way you could of killed as many ducks in one day that would kept you the must part of the fall Your horse was braught in to my Place by a Indian a Black horse with a cow Bell on him tonight the Frenchman that you had told about your horse after you put the cow bell on him has told me all the Particulars how it came that you left the horse on the road so by puting the Bell on him saved him from dieing [?] I will keep the horse until I here [hear] from you no stamp on the horse

and I have another horse that a Indian had no story a dark brown horse and the mate of the horse is a cream or a Bishor culler [colour] the horse is […?] got tangled in the woods with his teather [tether] as the Indian told me no stamp on the horse

and this same French man told me that he thought this horse belongs to one Campbell as Mr McClain [McLean] of the HBC at Qu'Apppelle told him so But he is not sertin I have your horse in the stable as he finds the cold very much

Wright me and give me some nuse and let me know what you think of the land out here

My kind respect to your self and family Yours faithfully John Setter Farm Instructor

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| G 8698 | A - 786 | Oct. 1, 1879 Note '79 | Telegram | Prittie, R.W. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to instruct Begg to leave him part of Manitoba products. |  |

"Please instruct Begg to leave me a part of Manitoba products"

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| G 8698 | A - 787 | Oct. 18, 1879 | Telegram | Begg, Alex[ander] | London Ont. | Norquay, John or Walker, D.M. | Re: hurrying through if anything is the matter with any of the family. Contact in Chicago. |  |

"Will hurry through if anything matter with my family answer to Fremont house Chicago"

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| G 8698 | A - 788 | Sept. 24, 1881 | Letter | MacArthur, D., Manager Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Protecting note of R.C. Munger due on 25th inst. |  |

Merchants Bank letterhead: "My Dear Sir, In reply to your favor of the 13th inst. I have to say that your note in favor of R.C. Munger due on the 25th inst. will be duly protected. Yours very truly D MacArthur"

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| G 8698 | A - 789 (a) | Jan. 11, 1882 | Letter | Souch, W.J., Manager Ontario Bank | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Note for $64.48 to J.J. Setter. | 3 pp. |
| G 8698 | A - 789 (b) | Dec. 24, 1880 | Promissory Note | Norquay, John | Winnipeg | Setter, John James | To pay $64.00 at Ontario Bank, Portage la Prairie in 1  year. |  |
| G 8698 | A - 789 (c) | Dec. 27, 1881 | Protest | James, Wm. J. | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Non-payment of note. J.J. Setter paid costs. |  |

Cover sheet: "*Office of Provl Treasurer* *Statement* From W.J. Souch or Mgr Ontario Bank Portage la Prairie Man *Description* Note $64.48 endorsed by J J Setter protested *Action taken* J J Setter paid cost"

Stamped sheet: "December 24th 1880 one year after date I promise to pay to the order of John James Setter the sum of sixty-four dollars at the Ontario Bank Portage la Prairie, interest at 7 per centum per annum value received [sgd] J. Norquay"

Cross writing: "Protested for non-payment this 27th day of December AD 1881 WJ James Not[ary] Pub[lic]"

Legal form James law office: "*Protest* Pro: Ontario Bank For non payment

Made by J. Norquay endorsed by John J. Setter Notarial fees 2.04 = 70.52

I, William John James, presented promissory note to cashier of Ontario Bank and he answered "No funds" wherof I protest to parties to the promissory note, for all damages, costs 27 Dec 1881"

Letterhead Ontario Bank Portage la Prairie 11 January 1882 to Hon John Norquay Wpg

Dear Sir I enclose you your note to J J Setter for which we have received costs from J.J. Setter, Yours truly W J Souch"

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| G 8698 | A - 791 | Sept. 13, 1881 | Letter | Brooke, C. | London, Eng | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to refer him to some respected agent from whom he can purchase land. |  |

Letterhead of Brooke Bros, est 1811 poultry meat and game salesmen, The Central Market London "Sir As I have a great desire to purchase some Land in Manitoba for the benefit of my children may I ask you as a particular favour to put me in communication with some respectable agent, or any way that you can k indly suggest for me to acquire land as an investment, apologizing for troubling you… C. Brooke"

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| G 8698 | A - 792 | Sept. 12, 1881 | Letter | Setter, John | Crooked Lake Farming Agency | Norquay, John | Private letter on purely personal subjects. |  |

My Dear Sir I take the plasure of addresing you a few lines hoping that your self and family are all well I have no particular nuse at present Bussy at the crope the crope came on well, today I intend to commence stacken wheat I belive this is as fine a part of the contry for farming all vegatibels grain well excuse in hest [haste] wright me and give me a little nuse out in this desolate plase give my kind respects to your family yours faithfully John Setter

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| G 8698 | A - 793 | 1881 [cover sheet says] | JNorquay in ac't with Chas Adams | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) |  | "J. Norquay in ac[c]t. with Chas. Adams". | 2 pp. |

2 pages, handwritten, on Provl Treasurer's stationery, and in JN's handwriting:

"J Norquay in ac't with Chas Adams

Cr to James Adams 300.00

J V Ps Adams 15.00

Overcoats for boys 7.00

Bannatyne 25.69

Wright dog harness 15.00

J A K Drummond 3 .60

Truthwaite 38.00

Sundries 7.50

Bannatyne 14.00

To Mrs. C. Adams 94.00

Tombstone 25.00

Board of children 300.00

R Gerrie & Co 28.00

872.84

2.00

To H L Reynolds [? 2.00?]

Cash to C. Adams 100.00

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Sheet 2: "John Norquay in ac't with C Adams

Dr to cash per A Spence 65.00 + 2.00 to be added for registration

To cash per G Adams 157.50

Cash 200.00

Cash per Jos Adams 44.00

Cash per C E Hodgson 99.00

Cash per HB Co 25.00

Cash per letter 11.00 $14.00

Cash per HB Co 100.00

Cash per Jas Adams 42.00

Cash per HB Co 25.00

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Cash 15L 72.60

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Order for $30.00 30.00

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| G 8698 | A - 794 | Aug. 28, 1881 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas | Long Lake, Man. | Father [Norquay, John] | Family matters. |  |

"long lake Dear father I just received your letters from home and hasten to reply. I am glad to hear that you are all well at home. I am very sorry to hear that Mr Hamber is going to leave Parks Creek for I dont think that you can get as good a man in a hurry. Tell Bella I cant write just now I am in a hurry for Davis will soon be leaving long lake is a poor place but on the west side about three mls from the edge the land begins to get better thare is not a stick of wood around the lake but thare is lots of fish thare is lots of fine white fish and the ducks are as thick as black birds we will soon be don[e] and away home again Tell the boys that I received their letters but can answer them just now and that small little sister whose name I cant get my tongue around and I cant see the [lines?] I am well and hope that you are all well at home and now hoping you all all well at home I remain your affectionate son Thos Norquay"

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| G 8698 | A - 795 | Sept. 3, 1881 | Letter | Mackintosh, C.H. | Raigmore | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. O'Gara, the police magistrate, is arranging the affidavits, etc. |  |

Unusual letterhead: "Raigmore", crest image of erect cat, banner below: "Touch not the cat bot a glove" which is a clan McIntosh motto:

'Private My dear Norquay I have been quite ill, but am rapidly improving.

Mr O'Gara the Police Magistrate is arranging the affidavits. He thinks it was well not to have any statement from Mrs. N, at present – as the case is not in court – though she is prepared to swear when necessary. It appears she was not addressed by the party or asked to bring an action. All the parties were at my house this afternoon. I sent for the Magistrate and the papers were made as strong as possible. Newton swears to the whole thing and his belief in your being blackmailed by N. [W?]

The papers will leave Monday night as O'Gara wanted to copy them. You will be satisfied. I employed a legal firm, as I considered it important. With kind regards, very sincerely, C H Mackintosh

On reverse, scrawl in pencil: "Tp 13 & 14 R 31 [then illegible: Louis Messer Oak[?]

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| G 8698 | A - 796 | July 8, 1880 | Letter | Alderson, W.C. | Mountain City | Norquay, John | Asking if he would like his lots in Darlingford placed on the market as he is going to have sale of same. |  |

Sir: I was telling Mr Spencer Bedford yesterday that I intended having an auction sale in Winnipeg of Darlingford town lots and, as you have an interest in the same thought you might probably like to put some of yours on the market at the same time. Kindly let me know if this meets with yr intentions ….

PS The CP Ry is now located thro' Darlingford"

**On reverse in pencil (probably JN):**

"Acknowledge receipt and inform them that would be happy to cooperate with him but think that unless the syndicate are favorable to the locality it would only scarcely pay to put good farm property into town lots. Meantime would like to know from him disposition of the people of the locality towards establishing a town there & what are its prospects compared with the crossing at the Big Pembina."

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| G 8698 | A - 797 | July 9, 1881 | Telegram | Bedford, Spencer A. | Emerson | Norquay, John | Stating he has offer of 31.2.7 @$8.00 per acre and would recommend to buy. |  |

"I have offer of thirty one (31) two (2) seven (7) at eight (8) dollars per acre I would recommend to buy answer."

[Presumably S 31, of Twp 2, Range 7 @ $8.00/acre]

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| G 8698 | A - 798 | May 5, 1880 | Post Card | Cowley, Abraham | Dynevor, Lisgar | Norquay, John | Stating the enclosed for Emma Cochrane was handed to her. |  |

"My dear Mr. Norquay Your favour of 31st ult duly acd. The inclosed for Emma Cochrane was handed to her yesterday. You may imagine her joy. Her expressions of gratitude were only limited by want of more words. It has 'made the widow's heart to sing for joy.' Truly grateful for being permitted to the privilege of giving such pleasure & with kind regards to all, Yours very truly, Abraham Cowley"

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| G 8698 | A - 799 | Feb. 28, 1880 | Lease | Matheson, Daniel | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Lease of house on Main St. in Point Douglas. |  |

Handwritten plain page: "I Daniel Matheson agree to pay to the Honble John Norquay the sum of ten dollars for the use of his house on Main Street in Point Douglass [sic] for two months dating from the first day of March 1880 & ending in 30th April of same year at which date I agree to quietly give up possession of the same Winnipeg Feb 28th 1880

[sgd – in different, shaky hand] Daniel Matheson"

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| G 8698 | A - 800 | July 1, 1881 | Letter | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosing account and stating their Mr. Mark Saunders will be in Winnipeg shortly with patterns of winter and summer patterns. | Account not enclosed |

Find enclosed your account to date, note Mark Saunders will be in Wpg by the 8th inst to show patterns of new goods for fall and winter, etc.

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| G 8699 | A - 801 | June 29, 1881 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P, Secr Great North Western Telegraph Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of 10% call on GNW Tel Co's stock payable at Mets Bank September 1, 1881. |  |

"…a call of 10% on your Capital Stock in this Coy is payable at the Merchants Bank, here, on or before Sept 1st 1881."

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| G 8699 | A - 802 | June 24, 1881 | Letter | A.Harris,Son & Co mowing & reaping machines, harvesters | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing receipt for $100.00 cheque in payment of account. | No  enclosure |

Letterhead: Head Office – Brantford; warehouses in 6 MB towns

"Encl Receipt Dear Sir: [We've received your check for $100 – thanks – we didn't send the invoice on purpose]: "Receiving the check from you so soon after sending the Invoice made us think that you probably supposed we were dunning you. This is not the case, as the Invoice was made up by one of the boys in the office who looks after this department of the work, without our knowledge. Of course we like to get money and are always hard up but not so much so that we would ask to pay the acct so soon as this. Again thanking you for the money and hoping to receive your further orders,…."

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| G 8699 | A - 803 | June 17, 1881 | Letter | Winram, William, M.P.P. | Stoddersville, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Lane and re: his (Wm. W.) coming down to see Mr. N. about his place at the Little Pembina. |  |

"Dear Norquay I intend leaving here with Greenway Wednesday next getting to Winnipeg on Thursday when I would feel very much obliged to you if you could meet me. I have not found anything against Lane yet except that he is a Sunday school teacher and President of a Young mans temperance society and though these are very great sins still as it will give a little variety to the Civil Service I think we might let them pass. I want to see you about your place out at the Little Pembina why not go the whole hog and put buildings there I will take the responsibility. Yours ever William Winram

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| G 8699 | A - 804 | June 14, 1881 | Letter | Thomas, Dowse and Co.Railway Lands | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Reply of J. Norquay [n.d.] inscribed on 2nd folio. Re: buying over the GNW Tel. Co. Mr. N.'s reply herewith. |  |

This letterhead notes that this Co. is "City agency for the St P M & M Rly Company's Red River Valley Wheat and other lands" and, beneath that claim: "Our Mr. Dowse was until recently in charge of sales in the land department of the above named company"

"Sir: Do the parties controlling the G W Tel charter wish to sell it? If so and they will send me at once a statement of its strong points over other, or in comparison with other, Canadian charters of its kind, the present status of the company's developments, with their price and terms and give me 60 days refusal I think I can make for them in that time a satisfactory sale to satisfactory parties…. May I ask prompt attention as I mean business – Pardon haste, …"

JN's reply scribbled below: "Yours of 14th received Great NW Tel Co have sold already. In reference to your last asking about status towards corporations of M & SEastern best party to correspond with for information is Mr Leacock he is in constant communication with principals in the matter Yours truly J Norquay"

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| G 8699 | A - 805 | June 9, 1881 | Letter | Munro, R.H.R. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. |  |

Dear Mr Norquay Mr Scarth has given me your letter of 27th ultimo with request to reply to same.

I have sent an advertisement to 'The Mail' (vide Saturday edition) for a miller and will duly advise you of result.

You say plan is ready – would like it as soon as possible – would it be better to have an auction here or in Manitoba

Yours truly

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| G 8699 | A - 806 | June 8, 1881 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas and Co. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Enclosure: business card. Re: W & SE Ry charter & GNW Tel. Co. | 2 pp. |

- yours of 31st May arrived - no change in D & W Ry matters – "Boston parties" not here yet – I don't understand Leacock's 26 May letter: he says leave things as they are, don't spend more money without our advice. I replied on 28 May – "what is the full meaning" of this – do your friends not want my services in any capacity? "I trouble you Mr Norquay with this question because I know you better in this matter than any of the others and have every confidence in you." Please ascertain "quietly"

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| G 8699 | A - 807 | June 1, 1881 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. R.T. White of the Gazette. | Corner torn |

Introducing R.S. White of the Gazette, "son of your friend Thos White M.P. who visits your city on pleasure and business and will I know be glad to get some of your valuable information of which you are brim full and running over…."

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| G 8699 | A - 808 | June 20, 1881 | Post Card | Munro, R.H.R. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. |  |

'How many run of stones is there to be in the mill. Scarth and I think we have the man to suit so please telegraph reply. Have plan sent me as soon as ready."

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| G 8699 | A - 809 | July 4, 1881 | Letter | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie | Neestaw [Brother-in-law, Norquay, John] | Family matters. |  |

"My dear Neestaw How is my poor sister this frightful hot weather? I am very anxious about her, since I saw the account of your last daughter.

Ann is improving wonderfully since I was down, she now sees to do her work fairly, tho' this not perfectly. I gave her a 50 mile ride today without a single rest, we started at 8.30 this morning & returned at 3.30 all the time driving, so you may know that she is not so bad.

The children are well, I think that Maurice will be down on the 12th to Winnipeg with the draymen who want the Band to accompany them. Yours J.J. Setter

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| G 8699 | A - 810 | June 28, 1881 | Letter | Thomson, James | Quoys Orkneys | Kennedy [Capt?] | Friendly letter. | 2 pp. |

Fine tightly-knit writing: 'My dear Kennedy I find I have now so far delayed writing you that I scarcely know where to find a starting point, my last note informed you of the sad death of Mrs. Sutherland….her dear baby left behind is getting on nicely & is nursed by her sister Mrs. Dr. Dewar. Shortly thereafter I rcd your excellent & valuable letter of date December 7th which I have read many times over; and both it and the others I have carefully preserved. Somehow there is a kind of flavor about them I relish greatly – You mention the danger arising to the Province from the large influx of worthless wretches being the very dregs of Society from all nations in the Old Country & Elsewhere, who on arriving give loose rein to their unhallowed passions and make a sort of Pandemonium in their neighborhood, this is deeply to be deplored – but it is also very pleasing to know what large numbers of the middle class also find their way thither, & that under God's overruling Providence & Salutary Laws there is great hope your Country will at no very distant day attain a very high position.

I told you how I enjoyed my visits last year to Stroma [island in Pentland Firth between Scotland and Orkney] & Hoy -- & that from the former place I had carried away certain roots from what once was the veritable Garden of the celebrated 'Kennedy of Karmark', then Lord of the soil, on reaching home I put it in my own garden & it kept alive & has now grown a height of 12 inches. I am no florist but think it belongs to the 'Fern' tribe. I inclose a leaf, as a curiosity. This ancient garden is now laid out to grass, yet some mementoes of its former days occasionally appear, it stands adjacent to the ruins of the old Mansion House, a ward now for the people. The man who now occupies the land on which the above stands, & who entertained us is named Allan, hailing originally from 'Swona.' [also island between Scotland and Orkney]. There is living with him a batchelor, named William Norquay, brother to Eden Norquay of 'Port Dover' who met your worthy Premier at that place in 1878 on his way to 'Ottawa' (these Norquays claim some distant relationship to the Premier) & curiously enough the said Eden writes home that this brother Wm bears a very striking likeness to their honored Chieftain of Manitoba!

[more on Kennedy family links – for Jean – many relatives mentioned]

"I had the exquisite pleasure some time ago of receiving an admirable letter from Mr. Bannatyne on various subjects but all deeply interesting….By the papers he sent, I was very glad to see the kindly recognition given by the Provincial Magnates to the 'Premier' for his past services in promoting the interests of Manitoba, somehow I now look upon the distinguished man as one of ourselves and his connection with Orkney as being one of her most illustrious offshoots – all honor to the worthy man I read his speech with very much interest."

Our son is doing well at Portage, is pleased with the country, which is developing so rapidly, his old enemy asthma is not bothering him, he has gained 17 pounds, attends church. … "it really appears to me his prospects are much better than his two cousins (Donald's sons) who preceded him to the province of Taranaki in New Zealand …. They are engaged in cattle raising on a farm which they have taken out of the bush – but the Colony is still in a most depressed condition. – In a recent letter from James he mentions having had the pleasure of seeing & conversing with a very aged 'Patriarch and his spouse,' he thinks considerably on the wrong side of 90 years, they hail from St Andrews so you may know them, both were hearty & hale, his name is McKay and is father of John D. McKay, one of the leading men of the Portage, he writes this 'aged veteran' has a most astonishing memory – he came out to York Factory when a mere boy and spent the best part of his time there in the Cos service, he could distinctly name numbers of Orcadians whom he had known about the end & beginning of the Century, among many others our Father's name was quite familiar to him, He had likewise served for many years under Governor Tomison the Founder of our Academy! What a marvel of a man!"

…write us, regards to Mrs. Kennedy yourself and family…J.W. Thomson

[superscript: JN's secretary has written on the letter: "James Thomson" – obviously Kennedy loaned the letter to JN, and it stayed with his papers]

[family networks across Empire; Interest in Orkney's famous children; Kennedy links to Norquay; Norquay links to Orkney defined and made closer]

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| G 8699 | A - 811 | Dec. 22, 1881 | Letter | Lavalleé, Pierre, Treasurer | Baie St. Paul | Norquay, John | Re: Returns of Municipality of Belcourt. | No Cover |

I enclose the return of the receipts and expenditures of the municipality of Belcourt for year ending 20 Dec 1881.

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| G 8699 | A - 812 | Dec. 23, 1881 | Letter | Canada. Fisheries Department | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Walker Dicksons Appt. | No Cover |

Rec'd your recommendation of Walter Dickson as Fishery Overseer for MB

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| G 8699 | A - 813 | Dec. 7, 1881 | Letter | Leslie, W.P. | [Spencerfeld?] [Man.] | Norquay, John | Re: Smallpox. Note by Norquay on reverse. | No Cover |

"Sir: I have the honor to inform that 'Smallpox' is again prevalent at Walhalla or Old 'St Joe' Dakota situated about 14 miles west and six south of this point the authorities of Pembina County have quarantined the house of Geo Emmerling & have this week placed a guard in the vicinity of the place. I have under my authority as a J.P. warned the Mennonites to allow no travel of their people that way there is 3 or 4 villages of these people very close to the boundary Line. Rumors as usual are very plentiful but from the best sources I learn Mr. Lewis, the N.P. Ry Co Engineer is still ill & 3 others are said to have taken it. Dr. Ross [?] of Pembina is in attendance & the County Commissioners have ordered him to remain there for the present. I deem it my duty to inform you of the case. Your Obdt Servant W.P. Leslie"

Annotation: "Matter to be submitted to Council forthwith JN"

And another: "Write to Leslie to appoint a Constable" "Written to 12th Dec"

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| G 8699 | A - 814 | Dec. 8, 1881 | Letter | Greenway, J.M. | London, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Knox & etc. | No Cover |

Hotel Stationery: "Dear Norquay Have seen Knox – he will be on hand before the 1st Jany so that matter may go on – as arranged – shall also return about Xmas – can't stand it in this country long at a time. Yours truly J W Greenway"

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| G 8699 | A - 815 | Dec. 17, 1881 | Letter | Leslie, W.P. | [Spencerfeld?] [Man.] | Norquay, John | Re: Smallpox. Geo. Emmerling's death. | No Cover |

Your letter arrived. I've put a guard where "most necessary" – "American authorities have the infected district well guarded…." Three cases so far – Mr Lewis, NP Engineer, Mrs. Geo Emmerling, Mrs. Edward Langé – now recovering. Geo Emmerling has been "very low" but now recovering. US doctor says things improving, anticipates "fumigating Emmerling's House & closing quarantine about 1st January…"

"Saturday 6:15 pm Messenger just passed on American side with news that Geo. Emmerling died this morning. I leave in morning for the west to remove one guard to another road farther west…."

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| G 8699 | A - 816 | Dec. 22, 1881 | Letter | Shields, Jno. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Garfield county town. | No Cover 2 pp. |

"My dear Norquay I called to see you today re county town Garfield Certain friends of ours interested themselves in this place owing to promises made they say and they now think the Govt is breaking faith with them.

I have the best of reasons for stating as a friend of yours and Mullin's [Wallin's?] that this course would be most injurious to you and the Govt as the parties are not to be trifled with and may hurt you in many ways where you least suspect.

I write this quite as much in your interest as I do theirs and we will take it a personal favour for you to make Garfield the County & oblige

Yours faithfully, Jno Shields

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| G 8699 | A - 817 | Dec. 19, 1881 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | Shell River | Norquay, John | Re: Appt. as J.P. | No Cover |

We need a JP to assist for taking affidavits – I would serve "if you thought fit to appoint me" I've been nominated to be Warden but expect a contest from nominee in Rossburn, the other end of the county. E. Goldstone nr Shoal L is applying for Sheriff – "a man of good family from Quebec, was a short time in the employ of the H.B.C. on the coast of Labrador, and is a man fitted for the position…."

[note range of geography and links….plus patronage needs]

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| G 8699 | A - 818 | Nov. 21, 1881 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: McGillivray account - Birtle. | No Cover |

"My dear Norquay McGillivray is in town after his expenses as R.O. for Birtle. He wants to return tomorrow with Alexander the elect M.P.P. I have looked over and [toyed?] the a/c and although it appears large I can not in [reverse?] strike anything off and it is less in comparison than the Birtle a/c which is $356.00.

I send him to you to sign cheque which I ordered drawn.

I hope you are not seriously indisposed and you will turn up soon all right.

Faithfully yours D M Walker

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| G 8699 | A - 819 | July 16, 1881 | Letter | Canada. Dept. of the Interior. Dominion Lands Office A.H. Whicher | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | John Taits Patent [Lot] 28 St. Andrews. | No Cover |

I received your letter of 12 inst "requesting to be informed whether the late John Tait of Park's Creek ever withdrew his application for a patent for lot 28 St Andrews; and to inform you that said application was withdrawn on the 6th of April 1877. Joseph Tait has since forwarded an application to Ottawa for this lot. The papers were returned here a short time ago for my action thereon, and I notified Mr. Tait regarding some further evidence which must be furnished before I can recommend the claim for patent."

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| G 8699 | A - 820 | [June?] 7, 1881 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Account for keep of Lunatics. | No Cover |

Re account for keep of provincial lunatics – District of Keewatin vs. your govt. – bookkeeping issue.

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| G 8699 | A - 821 | May 11, 1881 | Letter | Clouston, A.C. | St. Leon | Norquay, John | Re: Appointment as census taker. | No Cover |

The Dom Govt have given job of census taking to Harry Pentland "who has never yet done any thing to my knowledge to return a supporter of Sir John A. I do feel a little sore about the disappointment as I am now starting on a new place & have to work very hard & the expenses of establishing here are very threat & which I am very ill provided for….

By the way the embryo Town of Norquay is only 7 ½ miles N.W. of this they have a Steam mill there in full blast & are to have a Post Office soon also. …" "If not asking too much of a favour I would ask you to send me a few lines. I remain, yours sincerely, A.C. Clouston"

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| G 8699 | A - 822 | Aug. 5, [1881] | Letter | Gerrond, Wm. | Rossburn, Bird Tail Creek | Norquay, John | Re: Returning officer. | No Cover |

We had meeting at Birtle on 26th ult – 12 candidates for R O – Nelson is worthy of it. Any apptmt for me? "I think I could do an appointment as much credit as some I have seen who spelled Christ with a K – And I'll never object to the length of the emolument…. Yours lang syne friend, Wm. Gerrond"

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| G 8699 | A - 823 | Nov. 2, 1881 | Telegram | Daly, T. Mayne | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Brandon election. | No Cover |

"Brandon closed Tuttle 105 Sifton 123 Rogers 18 Currie 77 Graham 27 T Mayne Daly Jr."

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| G 8699 | A - 824 | Feb. 17, 1881 | Letter | Dennis, L.S. Canada, Dept. of the Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Returning Mrs. Bunn's letter re: patent for certain lands in parish of St. Paul. | No Enclosure |

I return Mrs. Bunn's letter "asking for patents for certain lands in the Parish of St. Paul, and also for consideration of the claims of herself and family to grants of land or scrip as Half Breeds.

You will observe Mr. Lang's remarks respecting the Letters Patent. If you happened to be passing the Department of Justice, and were to mention the matter to Mr. Lash, he would no doubt cause them to be put through.

I mentioned to you the other day that on the facts as represented, I did not think Mrs. Bunn or her children would be entitled to land or scrip, having been away from the Province for years before and until years subsequent to the Transfer."

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| G 8699 | A - 825 | Feb. 10, 1881 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Draft bill enclosed. | No  Enclosure |

"My Dear Norquay Enclosed your [longer ?] draft bill settled on by Judge Miller and myself proposed to be introduced at our resumed sittings of the Legislature. The same will be [enlarged? ] to contain provisions respecting Prohibition. The map shows the proposed respective Judicial Districts. I enclosed the same to Hon Mr. Campbell and Deputy Minister of Justice Z. A. Lash Esq at the request of Judge Miller. I fear my work will result in nothing – I have lost all hope of enlargement – all well Yours very truly…"

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| G 8699 | A - 826 | Feb. 28, 1881 | Telegram | Norquay, John | Ottawa, Ont. | Walker, D.M. | Re: Bill to be wired. |  |

JN wires at 11:20 to DMW: "Did you get my Saturdays telegram will wire you bill today answer J Norquay"

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| G 8699 | A - 827 | Feb. 28, 1881 | Telegram | Norquay, John | Ottawa, Ont. | Begg, A. | Re: Telegraphed Walker. |  |

JN again, collect: "Have telegraphed Walker and got no answer what is wrong J Norquay"

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| G 8699 | A - 828 | [n.d.]'Monday' | Letter | Royal, J. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Endorsing enclosed draft. | No  Enclosure |

H of Commons stationery, nice hand, interesting formality: "My dear Sir I am not going to lunch at the Hotel, and therefore I write to you to ask you to endorse the enclosed draft in your office capacity as a guarantee to the Bank that the same will be honored by Hon. D.M. Walker whom I will advise of it.

Will you do me the service of returning same by bearer & believe me, your obliged ser [sic] J Royal

[addressed to Hon J Norquay, Russell Hotel]

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| G 8699 | A - 832 | Feb. 27, 1882 | Letter | Van Horne, W.C. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Letter not sent to Russell House. |  |

Canadian Pacific Railway Company Office of the General Manager" letterhead

"My Dear Mr Norquay: A few days ago I discovered in my overcoat pocket a note addressed to you which I wrote in Ottawa and which I supposed I had left at the office of the Russell House on the Sunday after I saw you there.

It was written to apologize for my tardiness that afternoon. The early dinner to which I was invited was badly behind time and you know that a fellow is helpless under such circumstances. As it was I did not reach the cottage until after you had left and I was unable to find you afterward. But the wine will be as good in Winnipeg as there and I look forward to the pleasure of cracking the bottles with you here.

We have let the contracts for the construction of 500 miles of our main line this season and unless our supply of ties falls short I anticipate the pleasure of your company on a little excursion to the South Saskatchewan sometime in November next.

Our friend Begg is just off for England – full of enthusiasm. Faithfully yours W.C. Van Horne

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| G 8699 | A - 833 | [No Date]Wed evening | Letter | Colcleugh, James | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Re: Lafferty and Johnstone's deeds. |  |

'My dear Norquay It will be 6 or 7 days before Lafferty and Johnstones deeds can be here together with abstract which I have instructed him to enclose to you. If you find that the parties will require to withdraw from Treaty and [there is a] deposit to make[,] draw on my brother William Colcleugh through the Ontario Bank, Mount Forest, Ontario and I will make provision for it when I arrive there – and if you require to communicate with me the above address will find me until further notified. Yours respectfully James Colcleugh"

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| G 8699 | A - 834 | March 6, 1882 | Telegram | La Riviere, A.A.C. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Leaving Montreal for Ottawa. |  |

"Will start this afternoon for Ottawa and be there tonight A.A.C. LaRiviėre"

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| G 8699 | A - 835 | Feb. 14, 1881 | Receipt | MacLean, Roger & Co. | Russell House Ottawa | Norquay, John | Re: 25 copies memorandum. |  |

Rec'd payment for 25 copies of memorandum - $12.00

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| G 8699 | A - 836 | Feb. 14, 1881 | Receipt | Montreal Livery, Sale and Boarding stables | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account. |  |

Paid – 6 Feb – to tram & driver $3.00

10 Feb – " Gov Gen – Ball - $5.00

11 Feb " To & from Opera 1.00

12 Feb " 1 ¾ hour 1.75

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| G 8699 | A - 837 | Feb. 1881 | Memorandum [Confidential – enlarge bdy | Norquay, John,  Provincial Treasurer M.A. Girard Provincial Secretary | Ottawa, Ont. | Delegates appointed to confer with Privy Council of Canada | In reference to matters connected with the enlargement of the boundaries of Manitoba and an increase to the subsidy. | Galleys 2 pp. |

Larger provincial grant, please: 1870- subsidy of $67.204.50, assumed populn of 17,000, with an increase by 36 Vic, cap 30 of about $10,000 more. Lacking land and resources as sources of revenue, Parl by 39 Vic, cap 3 authorized at temporary grant of $26,746.96 – thus increasing our subsidy to $90,000 until 31st Dec 1881.

Not sufficient – 41 Vic cap 13 authorized advance in aid of public schools in MB of $10,000 per annum for 3 years, ending June 30, 1881., which sum with 5% interest to be charged against the first sales of school lands.

Still insufficient – Vic 42, cap 2, further temporary grant of $15,653.04, to expire 31 Dec. 1881 – thus annual subsidy up to $105,653.04.

Province also spent $120,422 on municipal institns, and another $68,880.46 – in total $169, 302.97/

Only $12,000 in local revenue towards expenditure of $150,000 in 1879. Thus, "it is quite impossible to meet the necessary expenses of government."

CPR construction involves "large numbers of a class of men, not too law-abiding…" and thus admin of justice expenses will rise.

Jails and lunatic asylums needed.

Larger province soon – will require more admin

Thus: 1. proposes larger subsidy, 2. Westward extension of bdy to 102 meridian; (why there? There's a chain of settlers leading up to it, but not beyond: "there lies to the west of the 102nd meridian for some distance a tract of country comparatively barren, and holds but few inducement to settlement." And "a new system of survey commences [there], and the interests of those settled beyond the said limits would naturally tend westward, whereas a community of interest naturally exists among the settled portions up to that line eastward, and people receive all their supplies from Winnipeg and other points east." 3. No exemption from taxation on lands belonging to any company though not Crown property 4. Eastern MB boundary to Ontario bdy, "near the eighty-ninth meridian of west longitude; that the requirements of the prairie portions of the Province could be supplied with the timber of the eastern portion, besides which a port on Lake Superior would thereby be secured to the Province."

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| G 8699 | A - 838 | Feb. 28,1871 | Order for Return | Canada.  House of Commons | Ottawa, Ont. |  | Copy of Correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments relative to the Manitoba Act. | Printed 2 pp. |

Correspondence Imperial-Cdn govts relative to Manitoba Act, with copy of bill proposed to be submitted to Imperial Parl.on that subject

- to quiet the doubt started re the power of Cdn parl to pass the Mb Act, and esp to give the province the right to have reps in Senate and H of Commons of Canada.

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| G 8699 | A - 839 | Jan. 24, 1881 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Enlargement of Province, etc. |  |

Pencilled (in purple) scrawl "Private & confidential My Dear Norquay Your two letters duly received, I have made up my mind to not be disappointed at anything the Dominion Govt may do in the promises of enlargement of the province or in anything else in respect to those Promises. I believe them capable of any amount of ingratitude and that they never will deal justly with this Province till they are forced to do so. There is a strong feeling of indignation in respect to the appointment of legislators in the N.W. among all the people there, Conservatives as well as Grits. I consider it an outrage and one that will not be readily dispelled. It is also beginning to be talked of here that the boundaries will not be extended this year. Now whatever you do don't yield too much to them. If you do you may loose [sic] all the prestige you have gained in the Province. Keep a stiff upper lip and if they will not grant justice tell them they can go to Hong Kong and come home and we will at once begin an agitation against their injustice and make it warm for our present representatives in the Dominion House.

There is a splendid chance to strike them hard just now and it they do not give us justice it will serve them right. I don't [a-----?] in being dragged through the mud always. This being placed in the position of beggars every year is played out the country is getting sick of it and will back you up in refusing to be so placed. Look well after yourself in this critical time of your political career. You may loose if you are not very careful All well &c, Sincerely yours, D M Walker"

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| G 8699 | A - 840 | March 6, 1882 | Telegram | Anderson, James | Sutton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking for three days notice. |  |

'Give me three days notice if possible

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| G 8699 | A - 841 | March 19, 1880 | Letter | Phillips, Jno. A., Correspondent, Winnipeg Daily Times | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Rowe & Co. Winnipeg Daily Times have purchased "Tribune" and are prepared to take up Government printing. |  |

Ho of Commons stationery: in handwriting: "Reporters Gallery, House of Commons….Sir: I have been instructed by Mrss. Rowe & Co, Proprietors of the 'Winnipeg Daily times' to notify you that they have purchased the late Tribune, and are prepared to take up the tender of that paper for the Government printing for the Province of Manitoba. I shall feel obliged by your informing me at your earliest convenience what reply I shall telegraph Mr. Rowe." [put in #72 also]

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| G 8699 | A - 842 | March 23, 1880 | Letter | Phillips, Jno. A., Correspondent, Winnipeg Daily Times | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Letter of the 19th inst. on subject of printing for Manitoba Gov't. |  |

I wrote on 19th, have not received a reply "Would you be kind enough to favor me with your answer today, as I desire to telegraph Mr. Rowe tonight."

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| G 8699 | A - 843 | March 19, 1880 | Letter | Royal, J. | Ottawa, Ont. | Brown, C.P., Minister of Public Works | Re: Proposed sub-division of County of Provencher. |  |

Re our conversation of this morning – I propose that County of Provencher be cut in two, south half would include Morris, Emerson, North and South Dufferin, with Registry office in Morris ("if you like") and county court seat at Emerson; north would be St B, LaVerendrye, Cartier and Ste Agathe, with office and court in St B.

As for clerk of county court, this is now an important position – follow precedent of Registrar – salary, say $500, made up of fees from office and Govt sum to complete said amount –deal with them "as liberally as possible."

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| G 8699 | A - 845 | Dec. 1, 1880 | Letter | Norquay, John | [No Location] | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Copy. Enclosing Bill. |  |

Draft copy, with strikeouts, to JAM "Private My dear Sir John…" I enclose copy of bill I propose to lay before Legislature on 16th inst "The only clause in it new to you I imagine will be the last – please peruse it and any suggestions you may have to offer regarding the Bill in toto will be gratefully received. You can yourself thoroughly appreciate the difficulty that we would have in carrying the measure unless there was some reference made to a quid pro quo, which I have tried to do in as general terms as possible if your government can endorse the Bill as it is it will greatly facilitate its passage here and I have no doubt that the details will be dealt with in the same spirit of generosity what we have ever received at your hands [strikeout: that generous manner for which you are so greatly celebrated] I remain, yours very sincerely --- no signature – [just a draft]

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| G 8699 | A - 846 | Feb. 28, 1880 | Order in Council [handwritten] | Norquay, John | Winnipeg |  | Ms. of Order-in-Council, re: Delegation to Ottawa.  Approved 1 March 1880. | Labelled "Appendix A" 5 pp. |

Headed "Delegation to Ottawa" and signed by JN as well as "Approved and ordered Joseph Cauchon Mar 1880" [Lt Gov signature on the document]

To His Honor Lt Gov …Report of a committee of the Executive Council … present JN (in the chair), Walker, Brown… [re] demands to be urged upon the Dominion Government in accordance with Addresses presented by the Legislative Assembly, As follows:"

- enlargement of bdy;

- readjustment of its financial position

- delegation to Ottawa to secure the objects of the Address

- act was passed authorizing Govt to withdraw from Govt of Cda at the credit of the province $100,000 to be spent on drainage and improvement of leading highways;

- that Parl of Cda vote a sum to erect "plain but substantial buildings for the Legislative Assembly and a Government House… also a Dominion Lunatic Asylum and Hospital at or near the city of Winnipeg…."

- a steam dredge to improve navigation of L Wpg and Red and Assiniboine Rivers

- for an examination into the causes of the rising of the water in Lake Manitoba and to take such steps as will tend to lower the same

- for a branch immigration office at St B

- grant in aid of St B and Wpg hospitals

- "for a speedy allotment of the lands granted to the children of half breed heads of families under the provisions of the Manitoba Act and the settlement of claims advanced by certain parties to lands held by them at the time of the transfer in 1870"

- arrangements to allow the importation of cattle from the eastern provinces in Bond…

Gilbert McMicken, Speaker of Assembly, will be in Ottawa on business and offers his services to the delegation

- Norquay, Brown and Girard to form the delegation, McMicken will cooperate with

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| G 8699 | A - 847 | March 6, 1881 | Letter | Walker, D.M. | [City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. Foster's transferring to Inspector's Office. |  |

[Dept Provl Secretary letterhead, purple pencil scrawl] "My Dear Norquay I write hurriedly to you in the interest of Mr. Fortier who you will recognise as being in the P.O. here. He wishes to be transferred to the Inspector's office which he understands is shortly to be opened here. It would be, he says, more to his liking to be in that office. I today wrote to Scott asking him to do what he could if he would. If you can do anything for him please do so. He is a deserving young man as you know. Hope bill is all right and you will bring it back adopted by Dominion House. Everything all O K – and your people all well Truly yours D M Walker"

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|  | A - 848 | March 5, 1881 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Bill passed and assented to. | 9 pp. |

JN is in Ottawa, Russell House: Walker wires copy of bill as passed and assented to re bdy enlargement

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| G 8699 | A - 849 | Feb. 1, 1881 | List | Dennis, L.S., Dep. Min. Canada. Dept. of the Interior | Ottawa, Ont. |  | List of papers relating to Half Breed & Hay Privilege claims left in Dept. of Interior February 1, 1881 - (Rec'd. from Hon. John Norquay). |  |

"Papers relating to Half Breed & other Claims received this day from the Hon Jno. Norquay" [put in #74 also]

1 power of attorney to draw scrip dated 24 July 1878, from Alphonse Martin to Andrew Strang, and Honble Jno. Norquay

2 to draw scrip dated 18 June 1878, from Agathe Fleury to Hon Jno. Norquay

3 to draw scrip dated 24 July 1878, from Isabella Martin, wife of Alphonse Martin, to Andrew Strang & the Honble Jno. Norquay

In margin of above 3: "½ Breed head of Family"

4 to draw scrip, dated 9 July 1879, from Paul Proulx to Hon Jno. Norquay

In margin: "Hay scrip"

5 Power of attorney to draw scrip, dated 15 April 1879, from Francois Marion to A GB Bannatyne & Hon J Norquay

6 Power of attorney to draw xcrip dated 28 Dec 1878, from Baptiste Rochilleau to the Hon Jno. Norquay

Sgd Deputy Minister of Interior [signature illegible: L S Dennis]

(on back of sheet: "Lift of papers relating to Halfbreed and hay Privilege claims left in Dept of Interior February 1/81")

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| G 8699 | A - 850 (a) | Feb. 17, 1881 | Letter | Dennis, L.S., Dep. Min. Dept. of Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Correspondence & memo re: lots in parish |  |

Dept of Prov Treasurer cover sheet: From L. S. Dennis Dept of Interior "Returning letter of Mr Monkman re patents for lots in rear of certain River lots in parish of Poplar Point – returning also Mr. Lang's memo"

Dennis letter, handwritten: "Dear Mr. Norquay I return you herewith the letter of Mr A. Monkman….Mr. Lang's memorandum attached to the letter shows that patents for these several lots have already issued. Doubtless, as the parties have arranged as to their respective rights in these lands, it will be a simple matter for them execute such conveyances among themselves as will be necessary to vest the titles as desired."

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| G 8699 | A - 850 (b) | Feb. 16, 1881 | Memo | Lang, R. | Ottawa, Ont. | Deputy Minister, Dept. of Interior | Re: Lots mentioned have been patented. |  |

Memo: Land to Deputy of the Minister of the Interior 16 Feb 1881

"The lots mentioned in the letter of Mr Monkman herewith have been patented to the several parties therein named as owners.

Mr Yan says that an Order In Council was passed authorizing the sale to owners of River lots in this locality of the parts of the broken ¼ secs in rear of their respective River lots. Of this the undersigned is not aware, never having dealt with such claims, but certainly numbers of such sales have been made & the patents for the small parcels of land have issued. R. Lang"

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| G 8699 | A - 850 (c) | Jan. 14, 1881 | Letter | Monkman, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Patents for lots in rear of certain river lots in parish. | 3 pp. |

A. Monkman letter to JN in Ottawa, 14 Jan 1881

Dear Sir Mr. Peter Taylor of Poplar Point suggests to me the advisability of writing to you with reference to the N.W. ¼ of sec 35 Tp 12, R 5W – This ¼ sec as he says you are aware is in rear of Lots 46, 47, 48, & 49 Poplar Point which are owned by James Wishart, Wm Gowler, John Setter and myself – Taylor having sold lot 49 to me recently. These parties made an agreement some time ago to divide the quarter section between them. The parties are now desirous of getting a Patent for it to them jointly and it can be afterwards divided between them. You know how the matter stands. In fact I am told that Mr. Setter had some buildings on this ¼ sec before the transfer with your knowledge. Will you please make application for Patent for them at once and get the Patent issued if possible as when the Syndicate Act passes this may become syndicate lands. If the government as $1 per acre as they may do – it would be best to consent to pay that figure. If declarations are required Mr. Taylor thinks that Mr. Ryan and yourself could make all that will be necessary – You might ask his cooperation – Please advise at your earliest convenience. Yours very truly A. Monkman"

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| G 8699 | A - 851 | 1884 | Statement of  Property |  | Municipality of St. Andrews | Assessor of Municipality | In the name of John Norquay, Lot 8. |  |

Printed form, handwritten answers "Statement of property, for the information of the assessor of the municipality of Saint Andrews for the year 1884":

"I, John Norquay, residence and post office Parkdale Manitoba, Occupation Gentleman, age 42, Religion Protestant, Married, seven unmarried children in family, 5 male and 2 female, and two married persons 1 male and 1 female, in Parkdale school district and supporter of Protestant school:

Lot no 8 & north half of 229 & south ½ of 228 St Andrews" [put in Ch 74 also]

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| G 8699 | A - 852 | Feb. 13, 1881 | Letter | Smith, Goldwin | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letters of Julius. | Torn |

Handwritten scrawl, corner of stationery with handwritten address (apparently) torn off:

"My dear Sir, Accept my best thanks for the Letters of Julius, which are very instructive. I have contended all along that our statesmen did not see, or if they did see made no practical allowance for, the fact that the time must soon come when Manitoba and the other North Western Provinces would have a will of their own and a word to say about the disposal of their land.

Sir John is lighthearted and says 'After me the Deluge.' I suspect his successor will have, if not a Deluge, plenty of difficulties to deal with. Very truly yours, Goldwin Smith

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| G 8699 | A - 853 | 1881 | Memorandum | Begg, Alexander | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Expenditure Statement of 1881 compared to Estimates. | 4 pp. |

"Expenditure of 1881 compared with Estimates" [photocopy]

Drainage of $63000 and Road Services of $17000, Legislature of 24,000 and Civil Government of 23,000, Education $21,000, Administration of Justice $15,000, "Building Court House & Jail" at 12,000 are the big costs. GG visit cost $2110, and "Expenses to Ottawa" cost $1751.25

Total expended actual is $213,876. Expended on drainage in 1880: $35,359

And on drainage in 1881: 63,174 , plus printing costs of 500. = total $99,033.69.

"Memo of Revenue 1881"

Subsidy is $99178, Withdrawal of capital is $50,000, other is $19,366 for a total of $168.545

"Salary Statement Prov Treas & Pres of Council"

John J. Norquay as Prov Treas $2500.

As Pres of Council $ 500.

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| G 8699 | A - 854 | Nov. 7, 1881 | Letter | Whiteway, Jas. | Westbourne | Norquay, John | Re: Buying off Sophia Spence's claim. |  |

Rough paper, rough scrawl: "Hon John On my arrival here I got your letter and in answer I bought of Sophia Spence wife of Nicholas Spence Senior both being present the price is three dollars per acre.

Or perhaps you would be for giving a little more & still room plenty in a year or two for a good profit I want to sell out if I can & leave I hope you will answer soon I hear you are to be of to Ottawa again all well & trust it is the same with you & yours Yours Jas Whiteway"

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| G 8699 | A - 855 | April 2, 1881 | Letter | Gerrie, R. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Note for $58.75. |  |

$58.75 bill (dry goods)?

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| G 8699 | A - 856 | Dec. 30, 1881 | Letter | Georgen, P. Vances | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Re: Three lots facing the market. | 2 pp. |

Lawyer, handwritten on letterhead: "My dear sir: in accordance with Mr Setter's instructions I have drawn to you a deed of the three lots facing the Market. I have put the consideration in the deed $3500 -- or $500.00 hundred more than the actual price to you.

I have handed all the title deeds to Mr. Setter and as I have a very large amount of money to raise by the 5th of Jany I should feel much obliged if you could wire the $3000.00 (the total price of lots) to my credit.. .."

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| G 8699 | A - 857 | Oct. 13, 1881 | Letter | Hall, Sidney P. | The Citadel, Qué. | Norquay, John | Re: Portrait. |  |

Handwritten, from the Citadel: "My dear Mr. Norquay: I regret very much the unfortunate mistake made in the publication of your portrait in the 'Graphic' of Septr 10.

I am not to blame for them. As to the position of the portrait my sketches were sent detached. I do not believe that the two published in juxtaposition were even sent by the same mail.

As to the letter press, I did not make the ridiculous mistake contained in it; but the short notice of your life which should have appeared was delayed in transmission and arrived too late.

I sail on the 15th and on my arrival in London will do all in my power to get this notice published in full with an apology.

Believe me with the greatest respect for your position and with warm recollections of your kindliness during my stay in Winnipeg. Yours faithfully, Sydney P. Hall

The Honble W. Norquay [sic]

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| G 8699 | A - 858 | Nov. 7, 1881 | Circular | Great North West Joint  Stock Building & Loan Society [PH Attwood] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Call on stock. |  |

Calls: "premium on the 1st issue of Stock and one monthly call on $1 per share –

Premium on 10 shares: $10.00 plus monthly call $10.00 = $20.00

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| G 8699 | A - 859 | Nov. 9, 1881 | Letter | Sutherland, A.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: 1st meeting of the Provincial Loan & Savings Society. |  |

'Provincial Loan & Savings Society" – invitation to meeting to elect Board and officers of the Society

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| G 8699 | A - 860 (a) | Dec. 22, 1881 | Letter | McDonald, A. | Fort Ellice | Norquay, John | Enclosing letter from Major Boulton re Sec. 13 Twp. 20 R. 29. Also a diagram of the same. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 860 (b) | Dec. 7, 1881 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | Shell River | McDonald, A. | Letter reporting on Sec. 13 Twp. 20 R. 29.  Includes sketch. | 2 pp. |

McDonald encloses Major Boulton's letter to him "regarding the section you wished to know about…."

B to McDonald, HBC Fort Ellice: "…my report upon the lot you rrequested me to inspect – viz 13, township 20, Range 29. It is a good section for farming purposes, it is slightly broken by a gully running north & south….about a quarter of a mile from the Assinaboine. The Assinaboine runs through the middle of section 14, a homestead on section 14 east half with the adjoining section 13 would make a choice property. If the Westbourne & North Wes Rly should run on the present surveyed line to the mouth of Shell River it would be about 7 miles or 8 miles from its nearest point. The neighbouring sections 12 and 24 are of a similar character….My fees of the company of which I am agent are $12.80 for inspecting a section. I must leave it with you to pay for my services for whatever you think right. Yours truly C.A. Boulton"

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| G 8699 | A - 861 | Dec. 23, 1881 | Letter | Boyd, A. The Woodland  Nr. Horsham Sussex | Horsham Sussex, England | Norquay, John | Re: 43 acres of new wood. |  |

"My dear Norquay Your letter of date Nov 30 arrived here finally. As you will have heard from Donald that he had already sold Nov 17th for me 43 acres of the Wood property it was of no use telegraphing and if he hadn't done so I should have declined your offer. Hoping you are well & happy and making your fortune believe me yours ever A. Boyd"

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| G 8699 | A - 862 | Nov. 3, 1881 | Telegram | Brown, C.P. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Election et al. |  |

"How election gone are all well are you anxious about SouthEastern C P Brown"

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| G 8699 | A - 863 | Nov. 29, 1881 | Cable Gram [copy] | Norquay, John | Stoke on Trent, England | Boyd, A. | Re: Land matters. | Copy |

Letterhead of Prov Treasurer, JN own hand: "To A Boyd Esq

The Mount Barleston Stoke on Trent

Will take your offer of last fall on land sale answer yes or no J. Norquay"

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| G 8698 | A - 864 | Dec. 20, 1881 | Letter | Brisebois, E. | Minnedosa | Norquay, John | Re: The changing of polling place. |  |

Returning officer Municipality No. 38 or Minnedosa

Mr. Howard wrote asking me to place a poll at Rapid City "thus getting the French part of ward no. 2 to go only three miles to vote, and getting the North End of same ward to go from 15 to 15 miles as the trails run, for you are aware I suppose that I placed the polling place in the centre of the settled portion of each ward. However that is none of my business, if you chose to do it Sir but what is my business (and I have just been reminded of it by a member of your House of Assembly), is to act according to law which is laid down by your Proclamation. That Proclamation says that ten days notice of the nomination shall be given by posting up the Proclamation, and that the polling places shall be included in such Proclamation before its being posted. I have done so, and I do not see how I can change it now. I see only one way of doing in this matter as it is only six clear days between this and the nomination, but I cannot give advice and can only await orders from responsible quarters, as I will not do any thing illegal on my own responsibility, for I will remind you that three fourths and over of the County will go against whoever acts in this matter. If you sir, or any other member of your cabinet give me an order under your own or their names, I shall obey it and act. Otherwise I cannot, as it will be unjust and illegal. I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant, EJBrisebois

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| G 8699 | A - 865 | Dec. 17, 1881 | Letter | Allan, John | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | SE 1/4 of 25.12 8 East |  |

I don't own any portion of Twp 12, R 8, E. "The Sheriff of the province owns the SE ¼ of the above section."

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| G 8699 | A - 866 | Dec. 10, 1881 | Letter | Doyle, W.A., J.P. | Beulah MB | Norquay, John | Polling Booths in County of Shoal Lake. |  |

"re polling booths in county of Shoal Lake. As the resident magistrate of Beulah I take the liberty of expressing to you the feeling of the most respectable portion of our settlement, that in placing the polling place in the center of our little settlement of 27 electors thereby necessitating the Oak River settlement of 72 electors in our ward coming from 23 to 40 miles to vote, a great injustice has – we believe unwittingly – been done. We are highly favored but the Oak River people have no trail open to the poll & being indignant have concluded to remain at home. I am sorry to say the majority of our 27 electors have seized upon their advantage & have formed a ring, nominated three candidates for councillors & will elect the whole if possible thus depriving the 72 electors in Oak River of representation. Much ill feeling will thus be engendered. To avoid this I would most respectfully advise that an additional poll be placed in the Oak River end of our ward & I trust Mr. Clements efforts in that direction will be successful…."

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| G 8699 | A - 867 | Nov. 20, 1881 | Letter | Disbrowe, W.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Offering Scarth 1st refusal of the west half of lots 20 & 21 in Block 4 Main Street. |  |

"The day befor Scarth went away I offered him the 1st refusal of the West Half of lots 20 & 21 in Block 4 Main St North of the railroad – at $75 per foot – it is 165 ft deep & 132 ft frontage. He told me that he should leave it with you & Bannatyne if you want it would you kindly leave me a note if possible today I will call at your office…."

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| G 8699 | A - 868 | Oct. 12, 1881 | Letter | Domville, Jas. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Telling Mr. N. to draw on him at sight for $800.00. |  |

Annotated: 'Re claim in trust for his children '81"

Dear Sir Please draw on me at sight at St. John NB for one half cost of section of land which you will please hold in trust for my children – say eight hundred dollars, & oblige Yours truly Jas Domville"

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| G 8699 | A - 869 | Nov. 5, 1881 | Letter | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Railway legislation. | 2 pp. |

"My dear Norquay I fear that I neglected answering your note of congratulation on my return to Canada. I am in good health and in fair strength and hope to be able to look after affairs here for a little while yet.

The news from the N.West is exceedingly encouraging and I am glad to hear that aftaer your excursion westward with Domville and Scarth you corroborate all the statements that have reached me from other sources.

As to the question of jurisdiction in Keewatin, you say that Mr. Mowat may be amenable to reason and be willing to abide by the decision of a Tribunal such as you name after the way in which the Ontario Court of Appeal sat upon the action of the Government of Ontario in the matter of jurisdiction in Keewatin. [sic]

I cannot find here that the Court gave any decision in the matter. Can you refer me to the case or the dictum of the Court thereon.

A good deal of disappointment is being expressed here by my colleagues, in which I must say I agree, at your allowing such reckless Railway Legislation as you did last Session.

You were made aware of the reluctance with which the Syndicate undertook the building of the Railway eastward from the Red River via the North Shore of Lake Superior and that they were only induced to accept the contract on the understanding that their Railway would not be tapped ad libitum East of Winnipeg.

We shall be compelled to disallow your Acts. We who were around the Council table understood that you undertook to discourage and prevent such Legislation.

You say that you would like to discuss matters of importance with me. We shall be exceedingly glad to see you at any time. Perhaps the month of December or the beginning of January would be the period when you would most likely find us all in Ottawa. Believe me Yours sincerely, John A Macdonald [different pen]

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| G 8699 | A - 870 (a) | March 30, 1881 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Granting certain swamp lands to the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad company. | 4 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 870 (b) | 1876 | Acts of  Legislature of Minnesota | Dowse, Thomas | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Re: Duluth and Winnipeg R.R. |  |

"Sir" re Duluth & Winnipeg Railway – 300 miles with a land grant from the state of 10 sections to the mile from Duluth to international bdy – say 1.5 million acres, in part valuable farm land worth $3/acre – or $4.8 million with 10 years from March 1878 to construct line, and lands to accrue upon construction of each 10 miles. Cost of road construction of 250 miles = $3.75 million – thus exceed cost of road by $1 million -- thus an attractive investment

PS: 3 parties actively seeking to secure control of this charter. Reliable sources say Nor Pac is "hostile to it." It would interest "parties of the known standing and influence as those you mentioned as already interested in your provincial Ry matters"

"Mr. J.J. Hill of the Manitoba Ry has just paid $50,000 cash for an old charter from St Cloud to River City on the St Paul and Duluth Ry. This charter is richly worth 4 times that one…."

Copies of Acts handwritten: "An Act Granting certain swamp lands to the Duluth & Iron Range Railroad Company…" 9 March 1875

"An Act Relating to the Duluth & Iron Range RR …." 17 Feb 1876

And "An Act to transfer the lands granted to the Duluth & Iron Range RR Company & other purposes…." 9 March 1878

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| " | A - 871 | April 12, 1881 | Letter | Macaulay, R., Mgr. Sun Mutual Life Assurance Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Drawing attention to the favourable terms upon which they are making loans. |  |

Draw "your attention to the extrememly favorable terms on which we are making loans…." Hon J Norquay in advance $225" [– seems to imply ready cash for one who might be in need, but this is just ad advertising circular]

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| G 8699 | A - 872 | Nov. 18, 1881 | Letter | Carney, Thomas | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Standing by Provincial legislation. | 2 pp. |

Letterhead Emerson & Northwestern Ralway company General Office

JN office annotation: re disallowance of SE Ry

"My Dear Sir The action referred to in the letter from Ottawa which you referred to yesterday is I feel of so great importance to your Government and its friends that I feel constrained to write you in order that you may feel in as far as possible strengthened in any course which you may take in the matter."

The govt must stand by the legislation firmly…."The feeling is so strong throughout the Province that this disallowance business is a great injustice that the people will hail with delight any determined stand taken by the Government against it. Of my friendly attitude towards your Government and yourself personally you can have no doubt …."

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| G 8699 | A - 873 (a) | Dec. 31, 1881 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. Commissioner, Land Dept. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Communications re: Railway stations. | 3 pp. Envelope |
| G 8699 | A - 873 (b) | Jan. 2, 1882 | Notice | Van Horne, W.C. | City (Winnipeg) | General Public | Re: Purchase of lots at prospective stations. |  |

Selection of stations between Wpg and Brandon is "at present in an unsettled state and as no final decision has yet been arrived at in regard to the location of some of these stations I would request tht no action be taken for the present in determining where the Government will place the public buildings such as Registry and County Court Offices &c…. " Govt and Co should cooperate in the placing of buildings: "where it may not be desirable for the Company to place stations might result in some confusion & loss. I will be glad to hear from you on this subject…."

Newspaper notice: "The public is cautioned against the purchase of Lots at prospective stations on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway until the location of such stations is officially announced from this Office…. [The present locations] are merely temporary. The permanent locations will be made with reference to the interests and convenience of the public and of the Company, and without regard to any private interests whatever. W.C. Van Horne General Manager" 2 Jan 1882"

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| G 8699 | A - 874 | Sept, 5, 1881 | Receipt | Stancliffe, F. Lion Life Insurance Co. Montreal | City (Winnipeg) branch agency | Norquay, John | Receipt for $123.38 paid on Endowment policy no. 121. |  |

Sum assured: $2500 premium ½ yearly: $123.38

An endowment assurance paid up in ten years…."

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| G 8699 | A - 875 | Jan. 28, 1882 | Memo | Canada. Dept. of Agriculture | Ottawa, Ont. |  | Census statistics 1881. Manitoba & added Territory. |  |

Handwritten "Census 1881 Manitoba population,

within former limits 48,939

Manitoba extension

Lake of the Woods 4261

Lake Winnipeg 2411

Winnipegosis 1258

Little Saskatchewan 6440

Turtle Mountain 1505

Total 15,875

Total 64,814

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| G 8699 | A - 876 | April 6, 1881 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | The D & W Charter and Valuable land grants & Etc. |  |

Your letter of 2 april rec'd. "The parties controlling the D & W charter…" and the valuable land grant attached, did so with the expectation that they could thus bring about the construction of the Road and, they undoubtedly would, being reasonably assured of the success of the enterprise [sic] turn over the same to your friends and aid in the consolidation as refered [sic] to by you, taking bonds and stock for their interest as suggested.

When you have had a conference with your friends as to plans & details of bringing this result about, please advise me fully that I may at once get the matter in practical shape…." [write … keep "strictly between yourself & me"]

"I would here say that the Shultz [sic] party I know are endeavoring to get control of the D & W charter, knowing as they do, its necessity in connecting their Road with the Lake and an eastern Rail outlet….

Also – D & W individuals have spoken to Mr Hill "which if carried out would surely result in killing the Road."

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| G 8699 | A - 877 | Dec. 15, 1881 | Receipt | North British Canadian Investment Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of interest on mortgage. Payment rec'd. |  |

From Scarth, Cochran & Co., General Managers: Re your mortgage "Carney… overdue on payments of 8 June, and 8 December, $31.20 each, plus interest of 1.60 = $64.00

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| G 8699 | A - 878 | Dec. 2, 1881 | Letter | Rykert, J.C. | St. Catharines, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Henry Morton of St. Catharines. |  |

Introducing Henry Morton of St Catharines -- "who goes to Winnipeg to seek his future… gentleman in whom you can place implicit confidence…."

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| G 8699 | A - 879 | Oct 19, 1881 | Letter | Fisher, A.E. Dominion Land Agt. Canada. Dept. of the Interior. Dominion Lands | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Purchase of Sec. 35 Tp.15 R22 West. |  |

To JN: "Sirs:" Your 12 Oct 1881 letter with $100 cheque arrived – I return cheque – all lands in this district are withdrawn from sale at present. JN applied to purchase Sec 35, Tp 15, Range 22 West.

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| G 8699 | A - 880 | [No Date] | Letter | Leacock, E.P., M.P.P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Putting W.H. Lyons name in South Western Charter. |  |

Letterhead of Selkirk Club, Winnipeg: "Dear Mr. Norquay W.H. Lyon's name is not in South Eastern Charter; he should be on. Please have it done. I shall be home Friday. Yrs ever Ed. P. Leacock

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| G 8699 | A - 881 | Nov. 4, 1881 | Letter | McDonald, A.M. Hudson's Bay Co. | Fort Ellice | Norquay, John | Re: Election. |  |

Dear Sir: I have not as yet been able to send you a report of the sections you requested but hope to be able to do so by the next mail.

We have been beaten in the election by your confounded Winnipeg man coming up and acting as he did with his friends and promises It is a good thing for the Government Mr. Leacock did not get in or else he would pester the life out of you to fulfill all the promises he made. It was a confounded shame the way he acted. I will burst him every time. Crerar would have polled only the Birtle vote, but Leacock with promises and money I have no doubt took our Rossburn vote and prevented enough in North O. River from voting that had promised that would have given us a majority over even Clements of at least ten votes. You must bear in mind that he went for Boulton's vote more than any one else had they all remain true, we had 153 votes but one thing that did hurt us was that at the time Major Boulton's supporters had too much to do and could not spend the time to watch the beggars and keep them stirred up whereas Leacock had lots of loafers and Cummings deducted a dollar of every shingles bought from him during the last year.We are beaten and own it but hardly by fair play however we will fight again and we will increase while they will remain stationary you must try and use every effort in your power to have the Province extended to the 102nd before the next general election our present boundary is no boundary at all.

Should you have any pickings out this way I hope you will not forget Boulton he is well deserving of something. J.H. Woods is going to try for Dominion heaven help us what cheek. I would have made a good run in this election. We had Mr. Hamilton from Winnipeg here on polling day I think he is a very nice man – We are going to have a branch of the CPR in here – with best wishes, I remain, Yours faithfully. A M McDonald

PS The Rats did work at the ---------- [pokesy arms??]

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| G 8698 | A - 882 | Nov. 1, 1881 | Letter | Nursey, Walter R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. Sifton and his platform. |  |

"Dear Mr Norquay A line to tell you the burden of a conversation I just had with young --------- anent the Brandon election…."

"He was considerably excited – told me he had come in on purpose to arrange to circumvent you in regard to your trip west. In consideration of services (?) rendered in past by his father-in-law Sifton, to you & Government, you had promised to support him; but now you went out 'to see the old beggar defeated if it cost a farm' (assumed to be your own words)

That it was no use -- Sifton would be elected in spite of you. You would live to rue it. Government would be annihilated etc etc. That he had come in, 'to take out Woodworth, who was going on the stumps (in support of Sifton) and that they could get contingent from town, that would knock your effort endways.

I thought that it might be of some service to you know the 'Sifton' platform, if not of any consequeance now, perhaps for after consideration. Sincerely yours, Walter A. Nursey"

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| G 8699 | A - 883 | [Dec.31], 1881 | Letter | Ogilvie A.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for kind congratulations upon his appointment. | Upper portion 1st folio torn. |

Secretary's hand, signed in person with shaky hand byAWO: "My dear Norquay Your very kindly telegram of yesterday I received this morning, and I need not tell you I was very much gratified to know that you were thinking of me on this occasion. I do not really know what I have ever done to deserve all the congratulations and wishes of my friends in Canada from one end…. None, however [page torn] … better than your telegram…. Bill Alloway, a very strong Grit as you know, telegraphed me that all the Grits of Winnipeg congratulated me on the appointment. …

[Are you coming to Montreal this winter?] "I should feel very much pleased indeed to have a long talk with you about Winnipeg matters. I hope that now this big boom is going on, you will make something in lands; for although I know quite well you are always looking first to the good of the country, instead of to your own pocket, yet you should remember it is necessary to lay aside some of the good things of this world while you have an opportunity; and you certainly have given a fair share of your life to the good and success of Manitoba, and deserve something on your own account…."

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| G 8699 | A - 884 | Oct. 15, 1881 | Letter | O'Brien, W.D. P.O. Dept. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Private matter. | 2 pp. |

"Sir I intended writing you some months ago, but put it off when informed that you would be shortly in Ottawa. I reget that my informant was wrong, as it would have saved you a good deal of trouble and anxiety if I had done so at the time...I must tell you I had everything settled in your behalf here, months before you spoke to MacKintosh. I have given him all the information he possesses, but did not think it prudent to give him all the information in my possession nor will not, as I have some that must only reach your ears and mine and will not commit it to paper even, unless you specially request me, but I think it would be better not to.

You need not trouble yourself in the least about the matter in future, I have taken the matter in hand from the first and I think my every action will be approved of by you. You must understand that I know everything, and have been for some time past Mrs N's confidential advisor. Her husband works under me in my office, and will do, and always have done anything I want him to do. It was my knowing everything that enabled me to be in a position to at once sit upon Mr. D.B. Woodworth who came 'all the way from Winnipeg' to defend Mr. N's character from you. I think he knows by this that though I am not a lawyer I was match enough for him and turned the scale against him with the affidavits, and the appended documents which I held possession of. I am on the hunt for some time after knowledge about the 2 letters that Mrs. Campbell gave or rather sold to Woodworth for $65.00. I am after having the records of the Dead Letter Office searched for the months of March and April for 2 letters addressed to Mrs. D. Belai[r?]e, and they were never received there. The letters were received at the Ottawa P.O. however and I am happy to say am on the track of finding out how she 'C' got them. It may necessitate my paying a visit to Plattsburg in the U States and Winnipeg, for information I yet require. Nothing would please me better than to send Mrs Campbell for theft to the Penitentiary for a term of 5 yrs for the robbery of these letters.

Mrs N. refused 2 letters written in a large disguized [sic] hand about that time, and would like to know by telegraph at once if they were addressed Newton or Belaire. If Newton, telegraph 'Yes.' If Belai[r]e, telegraph 'No.'

While I was away from the City I believe Scott or Rowe called on Mrs. N. as an authorized person from you to get some information. I told her before I left not to open her mouth to anyone not even MacKintosh until I came back. Whether it was Scott or Rowe they did not get much information from her. I look upon everyone as an enemy who come here to get information unless I get proof of their friendliness to you. In future you better advise me of any one coming here on your behalf or enclose a card in an envelope with 'Yes' on it and give it to them to deliver to me. I will understand then who I am dealing with.

MacKintosh is a brick throughout this matter, and is ever ready and willing no matter what his business or hurry is, to give me the benefit of his counsel when I approach him, and I hope you will not forget to remember it of him. I gave him the confidential letter I was to send you after I fooled Woodworth that is why I have not mentioned anything of what formerly transpired only what I now want you to do.

Hopeing you will telegraph at once as I cannot do anything more until I get it, in the abstraction of these two letters from the Ottawa P.O.

I remain Dr Sir Yours truly W. D. O'Brien, P.O. Dept

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| G 8699 | A - 885 | Nov. 15, 1881 | Copy of Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Lieutenant Governor [Cauchon] | Copy re: Ministerial changes. |  |

Copy: 'My dear Governor I beg to enclose you herewith the resignation of Mr. Goulet at Minister of Agriculture & to advise Your Honor that the same be accepted & that the Honb’le M.A. Girard be appointed… "

Girard resignation as Provincial Secretary – and that "Alphonse Alfred Clement LaRivière member for St Boniface be appointed" to that office.

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| G 8699 | A - 886 | Dec. 8, 1881 | Letter | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Re: Surveying lots in High Bluff. |  |

"Dear Norquay Sometime ago I wrote you a few lines But you don't condesend to answer. However I will try annother shot at you by way of informing you that surveyer AllBright is at work with me surveying my wood lots He requested me to write to you and see if you would like to have yours done by him to say so at your earliest convience as he wants to leave and will await an answer. Yours Andrew Spence" [sic]

(Office annotation on letter: "re surveying propy at High Bluff")

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| G 8699 | A - 887 | [n.d.] | Memo | [No Name] | [No Location] |  | Re: Squatters in Pleasant Hills, and monies owing from the Syndicate.  Re: Money paid by Danville & himself to be charged to syndicate. |  |

Cover sheet of Dept of Provl Treasurer as usual, dated only "1881", and described as "From Hon Jno Norquay …. Subject: Re money paid by Domville & himself to be charged to Syndicate"

The handwritten page (perhaps JN's hand) reads: "Domville tells me that a lot of Ontario fellows are going to squat upon land in Pheasant Hills & File Hills anticipating the railroad –

Chge Syndicate with $15.00 which Domville paid – 10.00 which I paid & 3"

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| G 8699 | A - 888 | [n.d.] | Memo | Provincial Treasurer | [No Location] |  | Columns of figures and totals,  Figures showing a total of 258,641.24. | 2 pp. |

Cover sheet says "Memo Office 1881"

2 columns of $ figures, adding up to "65309.18" on one sheet, and with that number included in the second column, "$258641.24" for a grand total.

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| G 8699 | A - 889 | Oct. 10, 1881 | Memo | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) |  | Re: N.W. trip expenses. |  |

Cover sheet: "N.W. trip expenses" Headed "J Norquay Cr"

By cash to Wood 10.50

Cash to Butchart 5.00

Cash at Rapid City 3.00

Expenses from Brandon 5.50

Rope & sundries .50

Railway Company 32.25

$56.75

Cash 180.00

Cartwright 8.00

J Norquay 244.75

To 2 pr Blankets 4.00 8.00

4 Horses 100.00 400.00

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| G 8699 | A - 890 | Feb. 25, [1881] | Memo | Norquay, John | [No Location] |  | Re: Interview. Sir A. Campbell, Minister of Justice. | Incomplete |

Cover sheet: "Memo Office Re interview with Sir Alex Campbell M. of J."

"On Tuesday the 25 Feby Mr. Norquay had an interview with Sir A Campbell Minister of Justice in which Sir Alex C informed him that he had submitted the memorandum of the delegates to his colleagues & that in order to obviate the necessity of yearly visits to the capital as suggested in the memo of the delegates The Privy Council have decided to increase the subsidy"

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| G 8699 | A - 891 | Nov. 22, 1881 | Memo | Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Call and accept draft drawn by R.H.R. Munro in favor of W.B. Scarth. |  |

"Please call at the Bank and accept a draft drawn by R.H.R. Munro of Toronto @ 3 mos date from 31st Octr in favor of W.B. Scarth for $271.50 and payable at the Federal Bank Toronto -- Yours truly D. Muller Asst Mgr To Hon. John Norquay"

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| G 8699 | A - 892 | Dec. 24, [1881] | Letter | Setter, John Jas. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | My Dear Neestaw [Norquay, John] | Encl: Account $100.00 commission. Messrs. Scarth, Norquay & Co. to John Jas. Setter, 25 November 1881. Re: The purchase of property in P. la P. |  |

Cover sheet: "Re the purchase of property in P la P Enclosing a/c of $100 – commission fees"

"My Dear Neestaw Compliments of the season to you all not forgetting Mr. Scarth.

I have in view a good purchase for you, it is 150 feet on Broadway opposite the East end Market, it can be had for $3000 cash. I told the party to hold it for a week, it must be a good investment as the new market is a much better building than the central so called, the new one is really the central, I was in hopes that you would be up so almost assured the party that you would & got him to hold until you would come, & when you did not I requested him to hold for a week further, I will answer for the investment, but you must not expect that every purchase I make will turn out as good as the one on Sask Ave. I was just negotiating a sale for $10,000 for this lot when I got your telegram that if it was not sold that Black was to have it as it was had ------ [?] I thought that perhaps you had given him a bargain that would be mutually satisfactory to you.

I shall be most happy at any time to purchase for you, & will act as your agent here, send me instructions, so far I have had none, as to terms of purchase whether on time or cash down payment also as to commission &c. Yours truly John Jas Setter

Send to me my $100 for last purchase "

Additional sheet – a rough sort of invoice "Portage la Prairie, 25th November 1881 Messrs Scarth Norquay & Co To John Jas Setter

To commission for purchase of Lot on Saskatchewan Avenue Portage la Prairie $100.00"

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| G 8699 | A - 893 | Dec. 22, 1881 | Letter | Saunders, B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Friendly Christmas greetings & Etc. |  |

"My dear Norquay I suppose you are all excitement at Winnipeg. Here we think the speculators are crazy and very much fear that the Yanks will quietly draw out & let our Ontario friends pay the piper. Well I hope you won't be a sufferer but that you will make your share, we are getting dreadful weather here rain almost every other day the Roads almost impassable consequently bad Trade to the Country and no Country Waggons in Town, they are all busy at the House Alice & Lowry hard at work preparing for Xmas Minnie sends her regards to Horace enclosed are some Cards for New Years for him & the youngsters

& all unite in wishing you a happy new year, Yours truly Bernard Saunders"

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| G 8699 | A - 894 | Nov. 25, 1881 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford and draft of $413.00 drawn by Munro. |  |

Letterhead of Scarth and R Cochran, Toronto, to Hon JN:

"Dear Sir re Darlingford Mr Munro's draft on you payable to my order for $413.00 fell due today at Federal Bank of Canada here. Mr Munro has today drawn on you through Federal Bank payable to his own order, endorsed by himself and by me, for $418.00 to retire the first draft, which I have retired.

Kindly accept Yours truly, W.B. Scarth"

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| G 8699 | A - 895 | Nov. 28, 1881 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Hugh Simpson. |  |

on letterhead of North British Canadian Investment Company,

Registered Office Glasgow Scotland General Managers 32 Toronto St Toronto [in hand of secretary, signed by WBS]

"My Dear Norquay" introduces "Mr. Hugh Simpson, introduced to me by Mr James Maclennan, one of the Directors of bothe the North British and the Scottish Ontario Copmpanies here. Mr. Simpson comes to this country with letters of introduction from my uncle Dr. Rae of London England…" please "advance whatever views Mr Simpson may have in the North West."

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No clear number: bill that bears annotation "211"

Edward S. Drewry Redwood Brewery, bill to Hon Jno Norquay 1 April 1881

"24Feby 1880 30 gals ale $12.00

Paid 5 July 1881"

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| G 8699 | A - 896 (a) | April 29, 1881 | Letter | Whitcher, A.H. Dom. Lands Office | Winnipeg | Tait, Joseph | Re: Application for lot no. 2, St. Andrews; further evidence needed. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 896 (b) | Dec. 16, 1874 | Certified Copy | Sinclair, Thomas, Registrar, Land Office | County of Lisgar |  | Re: Conveying Lot no. 2 from Archibald Spence and Andrew Spence to John Tait, Oct. 3, 18, 1866. Sworn statement by John Norquay, Dec. 16, 1874. | Envelope marked "papers Joseph Tait Apr. '81" |
| G 8699 | A - 896 (c) | April 20, 1881 | Letter | Russell, A., Dept. of Interior, Dom. Lands Office | Ottawa | Tait, Joseph | Acknowledging receipt of letter & supporting  documentation re: patent application for Lot No. 2, St. Andrews. |  |

Cover sheet: "Joseph Tait St Andrews April 1881 re lot 2, St Andrews"

b): "Red River Settlement We the undersigned do hereby empower John Tait Senior to get his name entered in the Red River Land Register for the lot now standing in the name of the late George Spence as we have given up to the said John Tait all right & title in the same sgd Archibald Spence sgd Andrew Spence 3 Oct 1866

The lot of land herein referred to is that immediately below Parks Creek

Witness sgd J Norquay

Obverse: JN swore that he witnessed the above, 16 Dec 1874 before Thomas Sinclair, Registrar"

c)Letterhead of Dept of Interior Lands Office, Ottawa, 20 April 1881 to Joseph Tait, St Andrews MB:

A. Russell, for the Surveyor General, acknowledges receipt of your letter of 6 April "making application for the issue of letters patent to you for lot no 2 in parish of St Andrews, and enclosing declarations of yourself, Charles Johnstone, and William Sinclair"

a) letterhead of Dom Lands Office, Wpg 29 April 1881, to Joseph Tait: Re Lot 2, St Andrews, claimed by you under Manitoba Act. The evidence is lacking on this point: "The name of George Spence appears in the HBCo's Register as having received 100 acres of the lot gratis – explanation required without delay.

[Sgd:] A H Whitcher"

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| G 8699 | A - 897 | Dec. 23, 1882 | Letter | Royal, J. | [St. Boniface] | Norquay, John | Re: His account for revising the Statutes. [Draft] of Norquay's response. |  |

"My dear Mr Norquay Pardon me if I trouble you again about these … [countc [?] or rather] Consol. Statutes and my account in connection therewith.

I have been working at these for the last 6 weeks and I have to pay weekly very high wages. Please instruct.

With regard to my own personal ac/ for supervision &c you would confer a favor by issuing cheque. I am in wait of it. Anticipatd thanks, yours truly J Royal"

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| G 8699 | A - 898 | [Dec. 1882] | Letter | T[uttle], C[harles], R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Inviting Mr. N. & the Attorney General out to Silver Heights. |  |

Handwritten scrawl: "My dear Mr. Norquay I am leaving for Silver Heights – The Times has assured [?] to have report tomorrow. Better come out to Heights tonight and let us finish up in good shape Bring His Hon. The Atty Genl along Fly [?] Yours CRT"

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| G 8699 | A - 900 | Dec. 12, 1882 | Letter | McDougall, Archibald | Archibald P.O., Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Election in Mountain. |  |

Pencil: "Dear Sir I was induced to offer myself as an Independent Candidate for the District of Mountain on the understanding that you had decided not to contest the District with Mr Greenway. I issued my address, and arranged to hold public meetings in the Municipality of Lorne, this week, and came here last night to hold the meeting here, before the hour of meeting. I was credibly informed that you had fully decided to offer yourself as a candidate in this Electoral District. I at once decided to retire, and leave the field entirely open for your candidature. On account of the stormy night, there were not many present, still I made a few remarks, stating my position and my decision to retire from the field. Mr Greenway being present was invited to address those present, which he did at some length, in his usual bitter style. After he was done, I criticised his speech, and opposed him on the disallowance question. I presume you will hold several meetings in the Municipality of Louise. I think you should attend as many of Mr Greenway's meetings as possible in order to defend yourself and your past political course.

I am dear Sir, yours very respectfully, Archibald McDougall"

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| G 8699 | A - 901 | [No Date] | Memo | [No Name] | City (Winnipeg) |  | David Irving Junior, Cook's Creek Re SW 1/49 Tp 12 R6E. Ralston & Bassler re Sec. 29 Tp 13 R 19 in 1874. | 2 pp. |

Cover sheet: Dept Provl Treasurer: "Memorandum City 1882"

Perhaps in JN's hand: Memo on letterhead of MB Treasury Dept: "David Irving Junior Cook's Creek pt of SW1/4 of Tp 12 R6East been on two years wants to take as a homestead been living on it 2 last years got 5 ½ acres broken. 2 harvests good house know of no application for it but myself"

And memo: "Rulston & Bassler were on 29 Tp 13 R19 in 1874 just at time of survey – Rulston kept 2 buildings for Immigrants free for 2 years"

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| G 8699 | A - 902 | [No Date] | Memo | [No Name] | City (Winnipeg) |  | Drawing of position of land. | 2 pp. |

Cover sheet says: "Sketch of position of land 1882"

Sketch of location of above [A901] buildings, perhaps – S 29, 30, etc.

Also a loose page with JN handwriting perhaps:

On one side: " 330

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574 votes 86 maj Greenway"

Other side, same hand:

Hugh Ross of Rapid City

J L Macdougall Shoal Lake

S D Currie (good man R City)

John McKay (Grit but fair)"

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| G 8699 | A - 903 | Dec. 18, 1882 | Letter | Monkman, Jas. | Peguis | Norquay, John | Political matters. |  |

"Dear John I was out at Clandeboy saw John McLoud he is all right and promist to work for you against any opposition if any and also will get the voters living north of him to sign your nomination papers and will be up to the nomination himself. I also saw Muckle he is all right will not do anything to hurt you though he dont entend to take any part in politics but was sorry he did not [k]now about your meeting at Selkirk

Bain Gunn is going about geting signatures to a requisition to get Stuart Mulvey to come out against you. I dont think he don much at Selkirk. Mrs Muckle sent down you Geese I shall send them up by som carefull person if I dont go up myself

Yours truly Jas Monkman" [sic]

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| G 8699 | A - 904 | Dec. 1882 | Invitation | [Diocese of Ruperts Land] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Unveiling of the portrait of the Bishop of Ruperts Land. |  |

Printed invitation to subscribers to the fund for the portrait, to attend the unveiling of portrait of Bishop of Rupert's Land on 5 Dec 1882

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| G 8699 | A - 905 | Dec. 12, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock, Ed. P. Secretary Portage, Westbourne and  North-Western Railway | City (Winnipeg) |  | Re: Meeting of the directors of the P.W. & N.W. |  |

Printed invitation from Secretary's office, P W and NW Rly, Wpg, to meeting of directors, with handwritten postscript at bottom: "To receive payment of money"

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| G 8699 | A - 906 | Dec. 2, 1882 | Letter | Harrison, D.H., Dr. | Minnedosa Man. | Norquay, John | Political campaign. |  |

"Dear Sir I am the Conservative Candidate regularly in the field in the coming contest – Mr. D Glass of your city is the nominee of my opponents – My friends are very sanguine of success – in fact I believe I can defeat him with a handsome majority – We are anxious to get to work and only await the writs.

Could you let me know when we are to expect the elections on – if at all this winter? It would be a favour to me – and the party if you could indicate what is to be expected.

If you would wire W. E. Roche – of this town our Secretary – saying 'yes, soon' – or 'not soon' & sign your message 'Thomas Alexander' we would understand – and if soon write to Mr. Roche as well – I have the honour to be, Your obdt Servant,

D. H. Harrison

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| G 8699 | A - 907 | Dec. 12, 1882 | Letter | Gillis, J.D. | Minnedosa, Man. | Norquay, John | The Judge has chosen Block 34. |  |

Letterhead of Gillis, General Merchants

"Dear Sir The Judge has chosen Block 34 for his half intrest which I suppose is o.k. had not better make the consideration one hundred dollars pr lot in the deed as that is about the selling price of them now. Can you get the Times to give Glasses Political history which I needn't touch [?] is not a very bright one and I would like to give him a bad deal out here the next time he shows up Yours in haste J D Gillis"

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| G 8699 | A - 908 | Dec. 2, 1882 | Letter | Jones, A.L. | Turtle Mtn. P.O. Man. | Norquay, John | Asking who are the proper parties to apply to purchase certain lands. |  |

"Sir as I have settled on an odd numbered section in the district of Turtle Mtn consisting of the south ½ of Sec 17 Town3, Range 2, I would feel very much obliged if you could tell me who are the proper parties to apply to for the right to purchace said property also what price I am likely to have to pay for it and when it is likely to come into market there are a great number of settlers in this district settled on socalled railway lands some think that they have been left out of the late C.P.R. sale to put a still higher price on them now if you could give me some settisfactory information regarding those lands my own in particular I should feel very much obliged. "

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| G 8699 | A - 909 (a) | Dec. 2, 1882 | Letter | Woodside, H.J., Sec. P. la P. Agriculture Soc. | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Re: Winner of his prize. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 909 (b) | Nov. 21, 1882 | Receipt | Woodside, H.J., Sec. P. la P. Agriculture Soc. | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Please pay Mrs. F. Wood, $10 as special prize for  40 # butter. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 909 (c) | Dec. 16, 1882 | Telegram | Woodside, H.J. | Portage la Prairie | Norquay, John | Re: $10.00 prize for butter. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 909 (d) | Dec. 14, 1882 | Receipt | Wood, Mrs. F. | Portage la Prairie | Woodside, H.J. | Re: $10.00 prize. |  |

Mrs. Francis Wood won the $10 prize for 40 lbs butter at the Portage Ag Society fair

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| G 8699 | A - 911 | Dec. 1, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Bernier, T.A., Registrar University of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Council on December 7th 1882. |  |

Meeting of U of M Council 7 Dec 1882 at 2:00 at Education Offices

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| G 8699 | A - 912 | Dec. 20, 1882 | Letter | Hon.J.C. Aikins Lieutenant Governor | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Wanting to see Mr. N. today re disallowance of certain bills not proclaimed. |  |

Handwritten by Aikins, high quality paper, informal, to Honl John Norquay &c

"Dear Mr. Norquay If convenient I would like to see you today or tomorrow touching on despatch recn on the disallowance of certain Bills not proclaimed – I may be out today after 2:30 o clock faithfully yours J.C. Aikins"

[practices of LG at that time so simple, though none the less powerful]

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| G 8699 | A - 913 | Dec. 15, 1882 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | Birtle, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Political situation. | Incomplete draft of Norquay's reply  inscribed on back. |

Letterhead of Registry Office, C.A. Boulton Registrar

"My dear Norquay We are ignorant of our political situation here, whether Leacock is going to run, we have heard nothing. Yet, if he does not it is going to be difficult to run another man. Nelson has been busy canvassing for some time. Leacock's chances are good and I think we can carry the riding in your favor but we ought to know if Leacock is going to run. I wish you every success. I feel fully confident that the excitement against disallowance will [fade?] and those excite themselves will come to their sober senses. Wishing you and yours the compliments of the season believe me Yours very truly C.A. Boulton

JN's (partial) draft below: "Received yours of 15th & send you papers containing my address & speech on political situation Leacock will run again glad to head he has good show Distribute all papers you can"

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| G 8699 | A - 914 (a) | Dec. 16, 1882 | Letter | Carter, Jno. R. Grip Publishing Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Regretting they have no picture of Greenway. |  |

Grip is trying to publish cartoons that seem to require a portrait of Greenway but they can't find one. Carter had visited JN in his office that afternoon and was apologizing for the fact that he couldn't complete satisfactory cartoons.

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| G 8699 | A - 915 | Dec. 2, 1882 | Letter | Carey, Eugene D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | P.W. & N.W. Ry note made by D. Macarthur, Ed. P. Leacock, Hon. Mr. Norquay, payable to C.P. Brown. Due. |  |

Notary public, using Bain Blanchard stationery, addressed to J Norquay Esq, a printed form giving notice of a promissory note issued 10 November for $4018.33 "made by D. Macarthur, President, & E.P. Leacock Sec. of PW&NWRCo payable to Hon C.P. Brown twenty days after the date thereof at the Bank of Montreal and endorsed by yourself was presented by me for payment at the Bank of Montreal, and that payment thereof was refused, and the Bank of Montreal, the holders of the said Note, look to you for payment thereof. Eugene D. Carey Notary Public"

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| G 8699 | A - 916 | Dec. 6, 1882 | Letter | Egan, Jno. M., Office of the Gen. Supt. CdnPacificRailwayCo | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Station on Darlingford property. |  |

Letterhead as above, flowing script --

"My Dear Mr Norquay Yours received my instruction and intention was to do all that can be done for you in placing a station on your land – I wrote Mr Van Horne about the matter and Mr. McBairst [?] informs me that he wrote him also. I await Mr V. H.'s reply. Rest assured that no effort on my part will be left undone to comply with your wishes. Yours truly Jno M Egan Gen Supt"

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| G 8699 | A - 917 | i) Dec. 14, 1882 ii) Dec. 16, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, J.M. | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics opposing Greenway in his own constituency. | 3 pp. |

Printed letterhead "J.M. Fraser Clerk of the Court, Commissioner in B.R, Postmaster and General Loan Agent" **14 December**

"My Dear Sir Mr. McDougall has retired from the field we went to Archibald last night to hold a meeting and when there Mr Bethune told us you had fully decided to contest the field and that you were expected here immediately. Mr McKenzie … Greenway is ---- [?] though from this week was at Archibald last night McDougall held his ground well you ….[?] get out here at once and get things in to shape. What has been done my McDougall will be in your favour as he was not out as an opponent of yours. We will hope to see you soon now if you have not already started but your presence is wanted here at once. Yours truly James Fraser"

**16 December**

"Hon. J. Norquay [no greeting] Greenway's meeting at the Pembina Crossing was a complete failure. There was no person there only one man it was advertised for some days and you would have expected a crowd being his first meeting in his own municipality. He is to be in Tp 1 R 9 today and I hear they have some rotten eggs ready for him there. We want you here to fix up the Orangemen if you possibly can and it will be all right with you. I am in hopes it can be done they will not work for Greenway anyhow it’s a question whether you need come out before the Holidays but you would need to send your address at once to the press here so that people will know that you are coming for certain there is no help for it now you must come without fail. Yours in haste, James Fraser

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| G 8699 | A - 918 | Sept. 25, [1882] | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. find out about his land grant and also some land for McCallister. |  |

Usual scrawl: "Fort Walsh Sep 25 Dr [dear] Norquy [sic] i set down this day to ask you to try and find out about my land grant i never got any thing and all my Brothers and my Mother and all the Rast got theirs four years ago when i was down there i took witness ther and want Proved my claim and never hard [heard] any thing about it if you find it out i will Pay you for your trabill[trouble] and also a frand [friend] of mine Charles McAllister Son of James McAllister of St Andrews and Right [write] to me and let me no about them and oblige your humble Sarvant James F. Sanderson"

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| G 8699 | A - 919 | 19 Oct 1882 | Memo | [No Name] |  | [N.A.] | Salary drawn by Mr. N. |  |

Memo: "The Hon John Norquay To Prov Govt 1882

Jan 13 To on account of Salary $500.00

Mch 28 $250

May 1 $500

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July 25 400

Aug 5 200

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2500.00

Indemnity 502.40

Salary to end of October 2500

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| G 8699 | A - 920 | Sept. 7, 1882 | Letter | Perkins, C.C., Manager Bassick Mining Company | Querida, CusterCo. Colorado | Ryan, Dennis | Re: Iron mine. |  |

Perkins to Dennis Ryan [who?] "I have without a doubt struck on the main body of or[e] on the six hundred foot level…. If this holds out I will make you all happy yet….hope to see you soon in this place. Yours truly, C.C. Perkins"

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| G 8699 | A - 921 | Sept. 21,[1882] | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh | Norquay, John | Re: Coal mine. |  |

Usual scrawl: "Fort Walsh Sep 21 Dr Norquay i Receavd you cind [kind] leter the other day and was glad to heair from you i have no news to inform you of i have Ben hard at work all somer piling up hay and about the coll [coal] mine i will let you no about it Prety soon and i hop you get it for me i have a few dolers to spend on it if there is any money in it No More at Present hoping you are all well i Reman yours truly Frand

James F Sanderson"

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| G 8699 | A - 922 | Sept. 19, 1882 | Letter | Shields, Jno. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating he is leaving for Ottawa in the morning and must see Mr. N. before he leaves. |  |

"My dear Norquay JJ and I have called to see you, but failed Come around at any hour tonight to 293 Main St. I am leaving for Ottawa in the morning. Must see you tonight important to you and I Yours faithfully J W Shields

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| G 8699 | A - 923 | Sept. 30, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, Jas. | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: The appointment of a Clerk of the Court in that district. |  |

"Dear Sir: There are several communications here for the Clerk of the Court, and as the time for holding same is drawing near it will be important to have the Clerk appointed as early as possible. There are several voters lists to be revised, which has to be done through the Clerk & Judge which is of the utmost importance & must be done in time. Your visit here has done you a power of good, hoping you enjoyed the trip. Yours respectfully, J.M. Fraser

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| G 8699 | A - 924 | Aug. 28, 1882 | Letter | Wylie, Malcolm, Secretary Brandon Club | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Brandon Club. |  |

Printed form letter re founding of the Brandon Club, list of distinguished members in town and country (Col. Boulton (Shell River), Jas Smart, J E Woodworth, Capt Osborn RN, L Herchmer (Birtle), J P Alexander MP (Turtle Mtn) – fee of $25/yr for town, $10 for county

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| G 8699 | A - 925 | Sept. 25, 1882 | Letter | Cusitar, John | Shell River | Norquay, John | Re: Sec. 1 T. 21 R 28W |  |

"Dear Sir I have wrote to you about section one tow. [township] 21 R.28 West and have not received an answer as yet and I am afraid the letter may have been lost.

The said section I here [hear] belongs to you & company And as I have broken some on it I would like to hold the same If I could possibly get it. As I cannot make a living on the Homestead I took up which was a mistake on my part when I entered it I have a House to put on it If I was sure of getting the same So pardon me for the trouble I am giving you And let me have the desired Information and Oblige Your humble Servant

John Cusitar To Hon. Mr. Norquay, Winnipeg Man."

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| G 8699 | A - 926 | Sept. 15, 1882 | Letter | Bain, A. Scottish Ontario and  Manitoba Land Company Ltd. | City (Winnipeg Agency) 32 Toronto St | Norquay, John | Stating Mr. S.A. Bedford will sign cheques during his absence and asking Mr. N. to Countersign as usual. |  |

"My dear Sir During my absence for the next two weeks, Mr. S. A. Bedford will sign cheques of this Company for me. Kindly countersign as usual any cheques he may sign. Yours truly A. Bain to Hon. J. Norquay, Winnipeg"

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| G 8699 | A - 928 | Aug. 22, 1882 | Letter | Little, R.H. | Littleton | Norquay, John | Re: Election matters. | 3 pp. |

"Sir I attended the convention of the Provincial rights association yesterday and Mr Emmonds was elected their candidate. They are using every means in their power to help him along. Mr Moir accused me of selling myself to your government and said that he had had a talk with you while in Winnipeg and when you asked what my chances were he said that I had not the least chance of being elected and that you did not appear to be pleased over it, as I had let you to believe that my election was sure.

They told me at the meeting that my election would have been by acclimation if I had not voted for Mr. McDonald [John A?]. I am loosing a number of my best friends by standing up for the Conservative party Mr Emmonds is not very popular in his own settlement and as I am an old resident I will be able to turn a few of them that voted Prov rights at the last election.

I think the sooner the elections come off the better as it give them all the better time to organize there is four parties that have very little to do but go around canvassing for the Prov rights. I have every hope of getting elected if I get a fair show as I understand the country as it stands as well if not better than they I am coming out as an Independent.

To run as a Conservative would be useless. As I said in Winnipeg to you I will be a supporter of your government by all means and you can depend on it. They said at the convention that the government were anxious to secure a supporter here and Mr. More called on all to do their utmost to secure my defeat. I wish you would be kind enough to let me know immediately when the election will take place and if possible to bring it about as soon as possible because every day gives them strength. The north side of the Municipality is going in strong for me and the people around here in my settlement. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have some one come up to the nomination. If you write me your letter would reach me next Wednesday if in Portage on Tuesday morning if not there will be two weeks more before mail day

I might explain everything more fully but there is a party on his way to Brandon and I have hurriedly written this. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient Servant R.H. Little"

P.S. I would recommend Mr William Cooper our municipality clerk as returning officer"

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| G 8699 | A - 929 | Aug. 5, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock, Ed. P., Secretary Portage, Westbourne & North-Western Ry. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the P.W. & N.W. RR. |  |

Directors meeting, Monday 7 Aug at 3:00

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| G 8699 | A - 930 | Aug. 22, 1882 | Letter | Gillies, J.D. | Minnedosa | Norquay, John | Section sketch map. Re: Real Estate matters & the P.W. & N.W. R.R. | 2 pp. |

"Dear Sir Your favour of the 16th inst to hand. We intend doing all we can towards bonusing the PW&NW but it is going to be no small matter. We met the Rapid City commtee the day after Mr. Brown left it is doubtfull if we can work with them but have not recd their final answer yet. Can you not push their act of incorporation through and with them out of the field and the matter worked steadily I think we can carry it all right. …." [I'm busy now with fall payment collection – can't ask people to vote bonuses while seeking payments.] "I have a quarter section – within a mile & half of the town proper and half a mile of the survey as that west half of Sec 12 is all surveyed which I intended holding until the Road came in if you could sell it for me now I could let my accounts stand as they are all good enough and spend some time in working up the bonus. I will sell it now for Twenty-five ($25.00) p acre and consider it a good investment for any person having the money to spend as you will see by the inclosed map the prices that have been paid for adjoining properties and this was located in preference to any of them about three years ago when they were all vacant there is a mortgage of six hundred dollars … at eight per cent the balance I would like to get in Cash as you know for present purposes you can tell Mr. Walker if he is not too proud I will give him a corner when he comes up Wire me if you can do anything in the matter and I will caome down and have it fixed up. Yours truly J.D. Gillis"

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| G 8699 | A - 931 | Aug. 1, 1882 | Telegram | Graham, R.H. | Broadview | James, J.C. | Re: A force of men ready to go to Flat Creek. |  |

To: J. James "Sargeant Percy is here with a force of men ready to go to Flat Creek on an order from Mr. Norquay Winnipeg R.H. Graham"

Annotated: "Mr Baker: will you get this order? J.C. James"

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| G 8699 | A - 932 (a) | Aug. 8, 1882 | Letter | Knight, Stephen | City (winnipeg) | Sanford, W.E. | Re: The Keewatin Mining Co. Represented by Mr. Meagher having to claim their location. | 2 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 932 (b) | Aug. 18, 1882 | Letter | Sandford, W.E. | Hamilton | Norquay, John | Asking if information in letter is correct. |  |

Handwritten scrawl from Knight to Sanford, filling 3 of 4 sides, and a **typed** letter from Sanford, on his letterhead [Sanford, Vail & Co, Hamilton, Wholesale Clothiers). The latter says:

"My Dear Norquay I have a letter from Allan Treas. Keewatin Mining Co. enclosing certificate for 2500 shares of stock and a request to pay $250. Is this correct. Enclosed Letters on this subject. What about them Are you all paying the same call. Yours truly"

[no signature]

The former, to Sanford,  
"Seeing your name mentioned as one of the promoters of a mining Coy, who it is said intend opening up and working a gold vein on Lake of the Woods known as the "Partridge Crop", I deem it right to let you know without loss of time, that if your Company aare proceeding under the supposition that "Heenan or Lockwood" have any just claim or title to this find, you are laboring under a mistake, as they have no claim whatever either in Equity or Law….

[I am known by Mr. McGregor…]

"I also enclose copy of letter sent to Hon. Mr. Norquay containing a brief statement of facts to which I would call your particular attention."

[Mr Meagher says he has obtained "the right to some eight mines" – look at this carefully before advancing money]

[Many claims there have been offered for sale, but "no survey had been made or plans lodged with either Dominion or Ontario Governments"…

"my only object in writing, is first to claim what I consider our undoubted right to this quartz vein, and next to prevednt your advancing money to parties who have no right to claim it. Yours respectfully Stephen Knight"

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| G 8699 | A - 933 | Aug. 7, 1882 | Letter | Jermyn, J. | Minnedosa | Norquay, John | Re: S. Clements M.P.P. for Shoal Lake as sheriff for that district. | 2 pp. |

Letterhead of Jermyn, General Merchants

I hear that S. Clements, MPP for Shoal Lake, is to receive the apptmt as sheriff for our district. I know him better than anyone. He's from Simcoe Co, has been a "lifelong reformer and could not be elected for a school trustee in the constituency he came from. He took an active part in our Dom. Election by working for Mr. Watson he also worked very hard for M. Ryan at the Manitoba Rights association convention. Mr. Clement was elected on a sectional issue there were three candidates in the west of his county and he in the east – consequently the vote was split which elected him by a small majority." He's now unpopular, couldn't be re-elected. We returned Mr. Cowan to support your Gov…. "I have spent time and money in trying to sustain our party and don't like to hear of a Grit getting an appointment from our Gov., and more especially since the way the Grits acted here in our last election…. I have the Honor to be your obd Servant, J. Jermyn"

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| G 8699 | A - 934 | Aug. 8, 1882 | Letter | Hope, John & Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Land matters. |  |

Discreet printed stationery 'John Hope & Co.', handwritten neatly

"My dear Mr Norquay I have been so busy I have not had time to reply to your kind letter of 12 July. About the old purchases which you were kind enough to make for me, I hesitated to trouble more than I could help; and so long ago as 18 July I wrote to Messrs Moffat & Caldwell of Winnipeg to attend to taxes and also to get the Deed of Grant from the Government for the second purchase, which ought to have been got long since. I enclose a copy of my letter, & you will see that these friends are authorised to apply to you if they have any difficulty. Kindly put them in the way of seeing these things through.

I am in hopes of seeing you before the end of the year at Winnipeg, but in case I should not will you kindly send me in order that I may charge the money to the proper accounts the exact amounts invested for the joint account (which is only partially stated in your letter) in order that I may make the entries in my books, where the $5000 is at present only chargeable to an indefinite account. Please attend to this & oblige, yours very truly, John Hope

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| G 8699 | A - 935 | Aug. 30, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, James | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | 2 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 936 | Aug. 9, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, James | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Banquet. |  |

Letterhead Fraser & McLean, real estate, Pilot Mound, handwritten

935: "Dear Norquay I find quite a change coming over some of our people in this neighborhood One of Sutherland's strongest supporters told me today if you came here and gave a satisfactory explanation of the course you would pursue with regard to this province he would support you. I find a great many of the same mind willing to do anything rather than support Greenway[.] A trip through this country will do you any amount of good,…."

936 [previous]: "Dear Sir: Since returning I have been feeling the people in regard to Banquet and find it will [illegible] … meeting here on Tuesday evening …" perhaps about 12 Sept.

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| G 8699 | A - 937 | Aug. 31, 1882 | Letter | Begg, A. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to write him and stating he will go on with the new pamphlet as soon as he gets to Montreal. |  |

"Dear Mr. Norquay It was late last night before I got through & I was sorry I did not see you before I left. I hope you will now write me & not treat me as you did. Don't forget the Reports you promised to send as I will go on with the new pamphlet as soon as I get to Montreal. With kindest regards to Mrs. Norquay & self believe me

Yours sincerely, A Begg"

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| G 8699 | A - 938 | Aug. 7, 1882 | Letter | Black, W.R. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Recommending John MacDonald as Deputy Prothonotary. |  |

Printed stationery, Barrister, handwritten

"Mr Dear Norquay: I write you to find out when you intend making the appointment of Deputy Prothonotary for this District. …" I assumed it would go to John McD. But I hear other parties make a claim. "I hope you will do your best for Johnny. He is really thoroughly capable and obliging & of course in conjunction with his C.C. work could afford to take it cheaper than anyone else…." Would appreciate hearing of Govt's intentions

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| G 8699 | A - 939 | Aug. 15, 1882 | Letter | Bantley, A. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Letter introducing his brother. |  |

No clues – my brother Wm. bears this – "if you can give him any information he may want I shall feel obliged." Banthey? Banthy? Boswell [inserted on cover sheet!]

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| G 8699 | A - 940 | Aug. 18,1882 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking for copy of Dominion estimates for current year. |  |

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| G 8699 | A - 941 | Aug. 31, 1882 | Letter | Whiteford, Dr. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating Mr. Washburn needs rest from his official duties for some time. |  |

Mr Washburn, a patient of mine has been suffering from a severe illness due as I believe from overwork & I have advised him relaxation from all official duties. A change of air for two or three weeks will I am certain restore him to his long wished for health.

J W Whiteford MD [?]

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| G 8699 | A - 942 | July 6, 1882 | Letter | MacDougall, J., Clerk | Municipality of St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking for a map of the Province of Manitoba. |  |

Schultz has presented a large photo, handsomely framed, of the Lisgar plate which he presented to GG, for our council chamber. You could do a "graceful act for your constituency, that might add to your popularity, and keep your name ever fresh before the public here," – give "a nicely mounted map of the Province…"

PS: " I find it very inconvenient, and so does the Public, that I am not a Commr in BR so as to be able to swear in Pathmasters, Constables, etc. Can you put me on the Commisson?"

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| G 8699 | A - 943 | Aug. 10, 1882 | Letter | Moffatt & Caldwell | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging letter with deed in favor of Mr. Hope and stating deed has been sent to Mr. Hope. |  |

Letterhead M & C Bankers, Stock and real estate brokers Winnipeg

Acknowledge "your letter with Deed by you in favor of Mr Hope of Montreal of Sec 31 T 6 R 2 W. We have sent the Deed to Mr. Hope."

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| G 8699 | A - 944 | Aug. 1, 1882 | Letter | Pope, J.H., Hon. Minister of Agriculture | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: The senatorship for Manitoba. |  |

Printed letterhead "Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Canada." Handwritten, copperplate pretty:

"My dear Norquay I have your note of the 26th ult. I cannot say when the appointment of Senator for Manitoba will be made. I have not heard one word spoken about it. Personally, if you can be spared (which I doubt very much) from the Local, I should like very much to see you have it; but it does seem to me that a more active House, like the Commons, would be the place for your talent and ability, however, rest assured, if you want it, that personally I shall be very glad for you to have it.

Schultz, it seems to me is not going to live very long; and, as regards McMicken, I do not believe he has the slightest chance.

You have very well earned anything we can do for you; but, I repeat, if I were in your place, I should rather be, at your time of life, in the Commons, or some place other than the Senate. Believe me, etc., Yours truly J.H. Pope [only the signature in different -- Pope's – hand]

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| G 8699 | A - 945 | Aug. 22, 1882 | Letter | Nursey, W.R. Provincial Auditor | Rat Portage, Ont. | Norquay, John | About to break up camp and return to town asking Mr. N. to advance him $50.00 by express on account of salary. |  |

Fancy printed letterhead with glorious portrait of 3-storey Rideout House, Union Jack flying above, horses and carriages, men lounging on hotel portico, and families strolling about street at water's edge where small boat is docked, written in pencil:

"My dear Mr Norquay Just a line to report progress. I am about to break up camp & return to town. Today & tomorrow I shall be busy with John Favell endeavouring to get a good catch of fish to bring in with me. Tell Howard to have his cellar cool.

I wrote to Washburne the other day asking him to send me a little money. He has not done so. Will you kindly instruct him to draw $50.00 for me on a/c – of next months salary & forward money by express by return mail.

The weather is glorious here, and barring a bad attack of the S—h—ts I have "enjoyed perfect health" Trusting you are well, Sincerely Yrs. Nursey"

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| G 8699 | A - 946 | Aug. 3, 1882 | Letter | Moffatt & Caldwell | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: John Hopes property. |  |

Dear Sir Mr John Hope of Montreal writes us to pay his taxes upon S1/2 S 1 T 7 R3W, SE ¼ T 7 3W and NE ¼ 2.7.3W and at same time says: 'I also own two half sections adjoining the above, but for which I have not received the Deed of Grant from the Government, I suppose because it has not been applied for. All these parcels were bought for me by my friend the Hon.l Mr Norquay in 1879. He will give you any needful help in this matter. I wish to get the Deed of grant for the latter two half sections and to have the taxes paid on them also. Will you kindly attend to it.' Would you kindly let us know if Deed ever applied for or granted. If so where it can be got. If not how application should be made & who to. …."

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| G 8699 | A - 947 | Aug. 26, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock, Ed. P., Secretary P.W. & N.W. R.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Company on the 28th. |  |

Meeting Monday afternoon, at 3, in temporary offices, of Directors, of Portage, Westbourne and North-Western Railway

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| G 8699 | A - 948 | March 18, 1882 | Letter | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to remit $40.74 amount due above firm. |  |

Your account of $40.74 is now due – we have gone out of the retail business, wish to close books, please remit

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| G 8699 | A - 949 | Aug. 7, 1882 | Letter | Pennefather, J.P. | Norquay, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking him to appoint a day when he may be banquetted at Norquay. |  |

"We were sorry not to have seen you – but paradoxical as it may appear, we were glad, as we did not care to toast a defeat 'but more of that anon—' On the part of a large body of the settlers in this district I am requested to invite you to the best banquet which Norquay 'Town' can afford and to ask you to name your own day and at the same time to ask if it be convenient to you to let it be in the 1st week of Sept and further to name any … gentlemen you would like to accompany you to whom invitations will be sent. If during your stay you can put up with a pioneer settlers' rough home I shall have much pleasure in making you as comfortable as I can. Very truly yours, John P. Pennefather

PS Trains leave for Carman twice a week stage meets them to Nelsonville – where we will send for you if due notice is given. JPP

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| G 8699 | A - 950 | Aug. 4, 1882 | Letter | Speight, James | Markham, Ont.Saw and Planing Mills | Norquay, John | Stating his rigs are ready and asking if he will send them by freight. |  |

"I have to apologeese [sic] as your countrymen the Scotch would say. We have your rigs ready since spring but have had no chance to send it ….

You are not more sorry than I am in scooping of our mutual friend Anderson but we have the consolation of knowing that if a friend or two has been scooped we have a large majority in the House.

My best wishes for yourself, Guid wife & Bairns …James Speight

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| G 8699 | A - 951 | Aug. 22, 1882 | Letter | Setter, John James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Neestaw [Brother-in-Law - Norquay, John] | Stating he cannot go down as he is alone and business increasing very fast. |  |

"My Dear Neestaw I cannot possibly go down until Monday I am alone Tom having gone West again & the court is coming on shortly; the business cannot be left till the last day of service is over & all our returns in, work is increasing very fast. Yours truly …"

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| G 8699 | A - 952 | Aug. 5, 1882 | Letter | Scoones, T.J.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N.'s influence to secure the selling of Pile of Bones and some other places. Enclosing his testimonials. | No Enclosures |

Printed letterhead – Auctioneer, Appraiser, House Agent

"Dear Sir It having been intimated to me that Pile of Bones City and several others are likely to be placed in the market and sold by Public Auction … would you use your influence in my behalf – I was auctioneer to "the imperial & Colonial Governments of Natal S. Africe for several years" – wld ask commission of 1%

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| G 8699 | A - 953 | March 2,1882 | Letter | Hunter, Andrew | Victoria | Bedson, S.L. | Re: Settlers on school lands being protected from the sale of their lands. Includes a note from S.L. Bedson to John Norquay dated March 2, 1882 . | Note on reverse |

Bedson note on back to JN: "My dear Norquay Can you get any answer for me to convey to Hunter? Several others have also spoken to me about this matter. Is it not possible to get the Manitoba Members to take up the matter, in order that actual settlers may be to some extent protected – all well. SLB 2/3/82"

Letter from "Victoria 2 March 1882 Mr Bedson Sir I suppose you are aware that I am a settler on school lands. I have just heard that our lands are to be put up at auction like other lands not settled on and sold to the highest Bidder you can imagine how I as well as others will feel about it if such is the case. Driven by circumstances to squat or leave the country and after a long hard struggle to make a home for my family and now to be at the mercy of any speculator who may ----- [corner?] what I have worked so hard to obtain. Shurely the government will not be so hard as to place us in such a trying position we have assured them that we are willing to pay for those lands shurely the man who is an actual settler and a producer will not be left to the mercy of the man who has more money than principle would it be to[o] much trouble for you to write and use your influence …..

Would you as a friend drop a note to the Hon Mr Norquay and ask him to try and get this question settled in a satisfactory manner to all concerned."

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| G 8699 | A - 954 | March 16, 1882 | Letter | Lang, Robert Department of Interior Office of Dominion Lands | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Petition from his brother and others re: separate Municipality of Langvale. |  |

Printed deptal letterhead

"My Dear Norquay: I send you herewith petition from my brother & others re separate Municipality of Langvale. May I ask you to give it special attention & see that the petition is granted as my brother asks for it. Faithfully yours, Robt Lang"

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| G 8699 | A - 955 | March 15, 1882 | Letter | Lang, Robert Department of Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Lots 71 & 72 St. Clements. |  |

"My Dear Norquay I suppose (hope) that by the time this reaches you you will have got home & settled down to giz. In our St Clements case I find it necessary to abandon lot 74 – there are too many claims to it – so that your affectionate attention must be directed to the lot on the other side of the Railway viz 72 i.e. the North 8 chains of 72 and the south 2 chains of 71. This I think we can get thru all right.

I heard from Colcleugh today. He says you would like to get patent for 7. I guess you've got it.

Try & look after the petition re Langvale. & believe me ever faithfully yours Robin [?] Lang"

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| G 8699 | A - 956 | March 11, 1882 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Fort Ellice. Russell & Winnipegosis Railway. | Newspaper Clipping Enclosed |

"My dear Norquay I have applied for a charter of which I enclose you a notice ….an enterprise which I have for some time had in my mind, as the C.P.R. runs through a tract of country west of Fort Ellice bare of timber, & we have a very fine tract of timber to the north of us East of the Assinaboine [sic], which can only be made available by a railway [.] this line will fill that requirement – at the same time there are salt springs on Lake Winnepegoosis which are a necessity to the interior…. Mr. Bridges, Mr. Spencer & Mr Bannatyne, Mr McDonald of Fort Ellice, Denmark Duprè [?] & Fletcher of Russell, and I are the promoters. I would be glad if you, and C.P. Brown or if not both, one of you would allow yourselves, to appear as promoters in the Bill. It is an enterprise emanating from the Interior and as such is deserving of support, and I will do my best to make it a success. … [& write to my cousin, C. Heath of McManness & Heath, Wpg, at once]

PS Curiously enough in the same paper appears a notice to construct a line to the same point by way of Totagan

Newspaper Advt clipping: sgd F. Beverly Robertson for the applicants

The competitor rly applicant is represented by Bain & Blanchard

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| G 8699 | A - 957 | March 9, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H.D. Treasurer The Hamilton Provident & Loan Society | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Letter to N. at Russell House, Ottawa. Acknowledging receipt of letter of the 7th. |  |

Letterhead: addressed to JN at Russell House Ottawa: "My dear Mr. Norquay " – rec'd your letter of 7 inst, with receipt, -- thanks. "I am sorry to have had to trouble you so much with reference to these lands, …." Hope to be able to repay you for your trouble – If you are here – let me know – I "would be glad if convenient that you should stay for a day or two with me." "I am sorry to see that you failed to secure the land and timber for your province, but I think that is sure to come if your Parliament in Winnipeg is true to itself your rights will be sure to be recognized by the other Provinces."

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| G 8699 | A - 958 | March 13, 1882 | Letter | Z.A. Lash Deputy Minister of Justice | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: The right of a half breed to convey land held by him previous to the 15th July 1870. |  |

'My dear Mr Norquay I received yours of the 6th instant, asking me about the right of a half-breed to convey land held by him previous to the 15th July 1870. I do not feel at liberty to express any opinion uon the question as it is a matter in which Government action may at some time be required and I cannot give any opinion upon it except to the Government."

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| G 8699 | A - 959 | March 29, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, J. | City (Winnipeg) | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Advising the value of school property near Rapid City which could be sold to great advantage at present and advising the sale of the same. |  |

JN to John A, Minister of Interior, secretary's script, handwritten letterhead of Prov Treasurer's Office: "My dear Sir John I have just been interviewed by certain parties resident in Rapid City, in reference to Section 29 Tp 13, Range 19, West, the school section adjoining Rapid City, which they say could be sold to great advantage at present. In fact they assure me that $150,000 could be realized, if it were put up to public competition. I would therefore take the liberty of suggesting that the same be put in the market as soon as possible, so that advantage may be taken of the rise in value of the property in question. I remain, yours very respectfully, " and then JN signs

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| G 8699 | A - 960 | March 28, 1882 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. Land Commissioner, C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for copies of the Report of the Minister of Agriculture for 1880 which he is in receipt of. |  |

Thanks for copy of Minister of Agriculture Report for 1880

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| G 8699 | A - 961 | March 4, 1882 | Letter | McInnes, D.J. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Forwarding deeds in favor of Mr. Knight to be executed and returned. Stating he has made deposit on the same & etc. |  |

Dear Sir I forward to you …the Deeds in favor of Mr. Knight for to be executed & returned. He has made a deposit on the lots & I am now having the nortgage prepared for his signature which I shall register for you immediately after the Deeds.

Do you wish to sell subject to the encumbrance now on the Lots or discharge the same: he (Mr Knight) will take it subject to that now existing on them if you wish.

I shall forward you draft, or place the amount to your credit in the bank, whichever you wish as soon as the deeds return…."

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| G 8699 | A - 962 | March 29, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Letter introducing his friend Mr. R.Y. Milne of Toronto who is coming to Manitoba to settle there. |  |

Letterhead of Scarth, Cochran & Co, Brokers, Toronto , Member Tor. Stock Exch.

Introduces R.Y. Milne, coming to MB to settle, he "came to this country with my family twenty five years ago…" – " I will take it as a great personal favor if you will do anything you can to further his views."

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| G 8699 | A - 963 | July 3, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Strang, Mr. A.F. & A.M. Secretary | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Lodge on the 10th inst. & ballot |  |

Mtg notice; also dues notice: arrears $7, dues $1. Also ballot on admitting 4 new members

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| G 8699 | A - 964 | July 7, 1882 | Letter | Moylan, Jas. G. Inspector's Office Penitentiaries Branch  Ottawa | Ottawa, Ont. | Bedson, S.L. | Stating he saw Sir John about Mr. Norquay's matter and asking Bedson to get him pass over C.P.R. |  |

"My dear Mr Bedson I saw Sir John and spoke, as you requested, about Mr. Norquay's matter (Registrarship in NW). He told me the appointment was given to a St. Catherine's man, two years ago, but that no salary has been paid until now, there being nobody, there, comparatively, up to this time. …"

Your claim for damages to carpets will go to Sir Hector today…

Can you get me a pass from Van Horne until 31 Dec, Ottawa, Brockville, Mtl.

Baker's brother of the C.P.R. won't extend any courtesy.

What news from QuAppelle?

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| G 8699 | A - 965 | July 24, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock, Ed. P., Secretary PW & NW RR | Wpg | Norquay, John | Meeting on the 24th inst. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 966 | July 19, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock, Ed. P. Secretary, PW & NW RR | Wpg | Norquay, John | Meeting of the Directors. |  |

Mtg today 24th inst. at 3:00

Mtg on 20th at 3:00 of Directors

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| G 8699 | A - 967 | July 10, 1882 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. | Kildonan | Norquay, John | Re: A supper and testimonial to Judge Walker upon his leaving the Government. |  |

Discreet letterhead "Kildonan Cottage, Winnipeg Manitoba"

Glad to hear Walker "got his appointment as Judge. Ought not the many friends to whom he has been so kind, politically and otherwise, to take the opportunity of this retirement from public life to show him some slight appreciation of his kindness, and of what he has done for Manitoba. Could you start the thing so as to give him some really handsome testimonial as a proof of the universal regard in which he is held. I shall be awfully glad to subscribe $100 as my share towards it. Yours ever truly, [signed in different hand:] Ed P. Leacock

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| G 8699 | A - 968 | July 11, 1882 | Letter | Isbister, John | St. Pauls, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Family matters purely personal. |  |

"Red River St Paul's 11th July 1882

Dear Sir Eight days back Mrs. Norquay sent a word to me, you had a check of €50 Sterling for me from my nephew in London. Please Sir put the same in Edward Prudan's hand to take down to me. I am not in good health lately and rainy weather can't travel.

Dear Sir I am told you have sold the outer two miles my lot

3 my sons has 3 miles each & may suit them to sell all on this west side River. One has four chains two has 3 chains each – my one mile is two [too] small alone, suits better as you have done. Please Sir send a note by the bearer as terms with my thanks as to the trouble you have taken. Sir I beg to conclude at the present in best repects to Mrs. Norquay & Family & your Honble respectfully as your obedient servant, John Isbister.

I will write my dear nephew for the last expected & his great assistance yearly so long on me. Two my sons, Jas of Sascatchewan & Wm of Nelson River sent me largely this year. (Former 50 dollars) Latter near up & twice before years' s to taxes & uses.

Funeral expenses & grave stone is the first, latter before his Mother's same.

O that spiritual affairs could be so well in preparation, but for Jesus sake alone I look for mercy at God's Throne. Amen Amen, JI"

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| G 8699 | A - 969 | July 2, 1882 | Letter | Lang, Robert Department of Interior | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letters of the 26 re: Isbisters lot 45 & 74 St. Pauls. |  |

"Dearest Yours of 26th re patents for outer 2 miles of isbisters lots 45 & 74 St Pauls is here. You ask why is the delay. Because they were never asked for.

You will remember that it has always been necessary, where the inner & outer patents did not issue at same time, for the owner to file an abstract when asking for outer patent, so that we may be sure that patent for outer may go to the party really owning the land. You are up to your ears in Election excitement of course. Success to you. Faithfully Robt Lang

PS I will send them thro instanter but you had better have sent an application & abstracts of both lots."

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| G 8699 | A - 970 | July 26, 1882 | Memo | Hugham, W.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. for renewal subscription to the Historical & Scientific Society's Library. |  |

Letterhead is ink stamp, "Historical and Scientific Society Public Library"

Please renew your subscription to Historical and Scientific Society's Library, would enable "the executive council to add to the attractions of the Institution."

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| G 8699 | A - 971 | Wed. evening  July 26, 1882 [or June?] | Letter | Goulet, Maxime | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating he cannot meet his appt. with Mr. N. & wishing to make another. |  |

"Dear Sir Uncontrolable circumstances compel me to decline the pleasure of meeting you as arranged this evening. But I shall be happy to meet you at the same hour day after tomorrow. If not suitable write a note & give it to the messenger & oblige Yours Faithfully, Maxime Goulet"

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| G 8699 | A - 972 | July 3, 1882 | Letter | John Hope & Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Asking for an answer to his letter of the 23rd May. |  |

What has happened – re my letter of 23 May?

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| G 8699 | A - 973 | July 18, 1882 | Letter | John Hope & Co. | Montreal, Que. | Messrs. Moffat &  Caldwell | Asking to pay taxes and stating Mr. N. will give any necessary information. |  |

To Moffat & Caldwell: "I am informed that you take charge of matters connected with Real Estate. I own the two half sections mentioned in the enclosed Tax Bill and have the deed of grant for the same from the Government. Will you kindly pay the tax & draw on me for the amount?

I also own two half sections adjoining the above, but for which I have not received the Deed of Grant from the Government, I suppose because it has not been applied for. All these parcels were bought for me by my friend the Honble Mr Norquay in 1879. He will give you any needful help in this matter. I wish to get the deed of Grant for the latter two half sections and to have the taxes paid on them also. Will you kindly attend to it?" John Hope

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| G 8699 | A - 974 | [Item Missing] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G 8699 | A - 975 | July 13, 1882 | Letter | Whitcher, A.H., D.L.O. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Lot 228, St. Andrews. |  |

Dom Lands Office "Dear Mr. Norquay, On my return to the Land Office I found amongst the papers fyled during my absence your appn for patent for Lot 228 St Andrews. You claim through persons who acquired title from one John Hodgson who it is stated bought the lot from H.B. Coy, but the Surveyor reports Chas. Henderson as owner and the H.B. Regr gives title to Peter Henderson. Can you explain?

Yours very truly A.H Whitcher"

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| G 8699 | A - 976 | 1 Feb/82\* [orJuly 1, 1882 –not!? | Letter | O'Brien, W.D. P.O. Dept. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he can see him in his room at the Russell House. |  |

Plain paper, no letterhead, to Hon J Norquay Russell House: "Sir If convenient and agreeable I would like to see you this afternoon at 4 oclock at your room at the Russell House. If you have any other appointment or engagement let mine be for your convenience and leisure not mine.

I remain Dr Sir, Yours very truly, W.D. O'Brien P.O. Dept"

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| G 8699 | A - 977 | July 13, 1882 | Letter | Pruden, William | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to loan him $50.00. |  |

I need a loan of $50 for six months – for shingles for my house.

"My family are all quite well times are very dull in Selkirk nothing doing. I had a loss of about 150 dollars worth of wood by fire this spring. I had cut the wood to buy my shingles so that puts me out of that calculation. Our crops are looking pretty fair potatoes are doing well. Very little garden this year. We are getting lots of good catfish that does not go so bad with potatoes. Hoping you are well. Kind regards to you, your ever true frend William Pruden"

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| G 8699 | A - 978 | July 1882 | Receipt | Mulholland Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $62.61. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 979 | Oct. 6, 1882 | Receipt | Norquay, Alex. | City (Winnipeg) | Man. Gov't. | To amount of account rendered $12.00. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 980 | April 28, 1882 | Promissory Note Protest | Blanchard, S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a note going to protest $2035.00 payable to Hon. C.P. Brown. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 981 | April 28, 1882 | Promissory Note Protest | Blanchard, S. Notary Public | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note of $2035.00 gone to protest made by Mr. N. and endorsed by W.E. Sanford payable to W.E. Sanford. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 982 | Oct. 24, 1882 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Money matters. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 983 | Sept. 30, 1882 | Receipt | Rolls, Jas. F., M.D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $11.90. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 984 | July 26, 1882 | Receipt | Quetton St. George & Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $63.50. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 985 | Oct. 2, 1882 | Receipt | Ogilvie Milling Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account $12.70. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 986 | March 18, 1882 | Receipt | Bishop & Shelton | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $6.00. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 987 | 1882 | Receipt | Sinclair, Thomas | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $19.50. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 988 | March 31, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Money matters. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 989 | June 30, 1882 | Receipt | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $116.13. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 990 | April 1882 | Premium Notice | The Standard Life Assurance Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Reminding Mr. N. that Premium is due on policy amount $37.10. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 991 | July 6, 1882 | Receipt | Stobart Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $6.25. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 992 | Sept. 16, 1882 | Receipt | Stobart Eden & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $6.50. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 993 | Oct. 1, 1882 Nov. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Thompson Bros. & Forrest | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.00. To amount of account rendered $2.50. | 4 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 994 | April 30, 1882 | Receipt | Keachie, Morton | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $11.00. $10.00 Paid. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 995 | Sept. 8, 1882 | Letter | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Sending Mr. N. a shirt and asking him to wear the same and see how it fits and say how many he wants. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 996 | Sept. 12, 1882 | Receipt | The Farmers Advocate | London, Ont. | Norquay, John | To account rendered to 27 months. Submitted $2.75. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 997 | Oct. 4, 1882 | Letter | Vaughan, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for settlement of his account. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 998 | Sept. 19, 1882 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for a cheque of $100.00. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 999 | Sept. 19, 1882 | Receipt | Wilson, Geo. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.00. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 1000 | Aug. 1, 1882 Sept. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Wright & Arbuckle | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $30.50. | 2 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 1001  to A -1097 | [Items Missing] |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| G 8699 | A - 982 | Oct. 24, 1882 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Money matters. |

Handwritten, on letterhead of J F Ruttan & Co, Real Estate Agents

"Private: Winnipeg 24 Oct 1882 Dear Mr Norquay I called at your office early yesterday am. and got your note @ 3 mos for $2000. It appears the note was due on Saturday and Manager Fields, when I saw him, seemed annoyed that no attention had been paid it. He would not take the 3 mos note excepting to hold it as security and to avoid protesting the overdue note I had to hand him the whole of your cheque as he insisted on some payment. If I had had funds of my own to spare I would have given him my cheque but I am for the present pretty badly strapped. Fields wants a note dated 21st October @ one month for $1775 when he will return the note for $2000. He also wants cheque for $16.55 interest on 1775 for 1 month. By the way that ck you gave me was in error somehow – the figure called for $250 but the body of the ck was two hundred & twenty five. I go to Darlingford tomorrow a.m. with Farrell – will call on you this pm.

Yours faithfully R.A. Ruttan

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| G 8699 | A - 987 | 1882 | Receipt | Sinclair, Thomas | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John |

Handwritten bill, headed "Hon. Jno. Norquay in a/c with Thomas Sinclair 1882

Feb 7 to Reg Cameron to self $2.00

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27 " copying Patent 1.50

" " Fyling Patent Lot 72 St Peters .50

Apl 18 " Bedson to self 2.00

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June 5 " Miller to Hope 2.00

" " copying Patent (Kippling) 1.50

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June 23 " Copy Colcleugh to self 1.50

July 3 " Peebles to self 2.00

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St Andrews 9th August 1882"

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| G 8699 | A - 988 | March 31, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John |

Printed letterhead, secretary's handwritten letter, Scarth's signature:

"My Dear Norquay I have today drawn on you at 30 days through Federal Bank

Please protect amount draft is made up as under

Balance due as at Dec. 10 1881 $900.

Int Dec 10/81 to Mar 31/82 @7% 19.16

Discount 30 days 5.90

Cash collection 2.34

Draft due May 3, 1882 $927.40

Yours truly W.B. Scarth

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| G 8699 | A - 989 | June 30, 1882 | Receipt | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $116.13. |

Printed bill

Starts on Dec 31 amount of account rendered 40.88

March Cr. By Cash 20.00

1882 Balance 20.88

January A Sfue Fancy Cloth Shooting Coat Vest & Trousers 36.00

6 Best L.C. Shirts 15.00

6 do Collars 1.50

A Sfue Fcy Coating Overcoat, lined with Italian 26.00

Six White Shirts & 6 Collars 16.75

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Kind regards Come down & get capens'd BP"

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| G 8699 | A - 995 | Sept. 8, 1882 | Letter | Saunders, B. & M. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John |

Handwritten by B Saunders on letterhead:

My Dear Norquay By post today we send you shirt made as a sample on its arrival will you kindly wear it & advise us how it suits you & what alterations required if any. They have kept the pattern of it say how many more are to be made for you. Bannatyne & party are here at the Queens, our Exhibition is on but they seem to have a poor time of it they say they can't get the Exhibits on I suppose the rush will begin on Thursday, I see the Globe's continually rapping at you & so does Innst [?] Grits it is infernally Gritty I gave it up – Kind regards to Mrs. Norquay. How is Horace all well here Yours truly

Bernd Saunders"

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| G 8699 | A - 997 | Oct. 4, 1882 | Letter | Vaughan, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John |

Handwritten, sgd, addressed in Wpg to Hon John Norqua [sic]

"My Dear Sir "I called at your office twice yesterday and was unable to see you indeed I have called several times during the past summer with the same result.

I wanted to call your attention to my bill for the survey of your lot in Selkirk into Town Lots which when I handed in you suggested that you would like to have delayed as long as possible.

I have been in camp most of the summer and am in only for a day or two having to leave on Friday morning. If within the bounds of possibility it would oblige me very much if you can remit the amount to me at Selkirk by mail on Thursday.

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| G 8699 | A - 998 | Sept. 19, 1882 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for a cheque of $100.00. |

Handwritten, flowing informal note on lined half-page of notebook paper:

"Dear Norquay You told me to call around for that $100 cheque of mine. Is it convenient to let me have it? J H McTavish W. 19/9/82"

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| G 8699 | A - 999 | Sept. 19, 1882 | Receipt | Wilson, Geo. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $5.00. |  |

[see paper page (document) on sales]: bill, printed form for “Geo Wilson, Dealer in staple and fancy dry goods The cheap dry goods house Winnipeg Man.”

July 24 to 1 Rubber Coat […for ???] $5.00

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| G 8699 | A - 1000 | Aug. 1, 1882 Sept. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Wright & Arbuckle | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $30.50. | 2 pp. |

a)Printed form: “harness, saddle, horse clothing, whips, trunks, valises, etc”

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13 July 1 saddle 30.00”

b) Same form, now dated 1 Sept, and the latter now described as “1 Ladies Side Saddle”

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| G 8699 | A - 1098 | Jan. 30, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H.D., Treasurer Hamilton Provident &  Loan Soc. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosing deed of the Executors of the Hyman Estate of Lot 7 in the parish of St. Peters, and asking for a draft. |  |

Letterhead, secretary's hand, signed by Cameron, addressed to JN at Russel House, Ottawa:

“My Dear Sir In compliance with your request as contained in your letter of the 27th inst I beg to send you herewith the deed of the Executors of the Hyman Estate of the following property viz: Part of lot 7 in the Parish of St Peters containing 36 acres. The price as agreed upon was $10.00 an acre and on receipt of this you will kindly send me a draft for the amount. With kind regards believe me, Truly yours, H D Cameron"

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| G 8699 | A - 1099 to A - 1100 | [Items Missing] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G 8699 | A - 1101 | Jan. 7, 1882 | Letter | Yole, Alfred | Liverpool G.B. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to secure him employment and enclosing copy of testimonials. | 2 pp. |

Letter seeking help in finding employment from 36 yr old with 8 daughters, claims to be steady worker in hotel and restaurant roles (clerk, waiter etc) and to have the support of Sir Alexander Galt, and Revd J Bridger, plus excerpts in his own hand of letters from former employers.

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| G 8699 | A - 1102 | Jan. 19, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Father [Norquay, John] | Private note. |  |

A little shaky handwriting, lined paper, addressed to Hon J Norquay:

"Dear father I am sorry you did not drop a line to me before you left for below I have don [sic] my first buisnesss [sic] as bailiff and I think I can get along allright as there is not mutch [sic] about it I am quite well and hope you are the same

I remain Your affectionate Son Thos Norquay

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| G 8699 | A - 1103 (a) | Jan. 26, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H.D. Treasurer, Hamilton Provident & Loan Society | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he has got the Quit Claim Deed ready for Mr. N. being Lot 7. 36 acres in the Parish of St. Peters. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 1103 (b) | Jan. 21, 1882 | Telegram | Cameron, Charles | Winnipeg | Cameron, H.D. | Re: Offers for land in Selkirk. |  |

a)letterhead, secretary's hand, sgd by Cameron, addressed to JN in Ottawa:

"My Dear Sir I have got the quit claim deed for 36 acres of Lot no 7 in the Parish of St Peter's in the County of Lisgar prepared for you. The price agreed upon was $10.00 per acre and the quantity of acres is 36 being $360.00, it is ready at any time for you.

With regard to lots 37 and 39, I enclose a telegram received from Charles Cameron on the Monday that you left here which will speak for itself.

You will please advise me with reference to this other matter at your earliest convenience. I should like to know what the prospects are for being able to get a title to the balance of these lands.

I hope you have reached Ottawa safely and that you are now fully recovered from your attack of rheumatism. With kind regards believe me to be, Dear Sir, Truly Yours, H.D. Cameron Treasurer "

b) telegram to H.D. Cameron from Charles Cameron dated 21 Jan 1882 in Winnipeg: "Was offered ten thousand for thirty nine asking twelve net offering thirty seven Selkirk booming C Cameron"

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| G 8699 | A - 1104 | Jan. 4, 1882 | Letter | Boyle Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Sale of thoroughbred stock. | Adver- tisement Attached |

Encloses ad cut from papers re their sale of thoroughbred stock

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| G 8699 | A - 1105 | Jan. 19, 1882 | Letter | Bedson, S.L. Penitentiary Warden | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Misunderstanding about property in the Parish of  St. Peters. |  |

“Dear Norquay I was more than astonished yesterday to find that you got Monkman to convey a quit claim deed to yrself & Howard, when you were perfectly aware that I had gone down to St Peters for that very purpose (I asked Nursey to tell you so). You could not have forgotten sending for me on Monday and asking to give you an interest which I at once consented to and at the same time telling you that I had already sold at a margin. From what I learned from Monkman you sent him down post haste from Winnipeg to purchase from Peebles & Tait, thus playing a very unenviable role with me. I really cannot understand your action, was it want of confidence in me? As the affair now stands I told Rice to keep the Monkman interest entire and the interest purchased by me I would consider as a separate one. You of course remember my refusing to accept your cheque as I saw there was no need of it. I had so arranged that there was no need of advancing any funds. The whole thing on the part of Howard and yrself is not by any means clear to me. Yours truly S.L. Bedson”

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| G 8699 | A - 1106 | Jan. 28, 1882 | Letter | Armstrong, T.C.L. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: An Ontario barrister practicing in Manitoba. | 2 pp. |

Long convoluted request re barrister’s qualifications in MB

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| G 8699 | A - 1107 | Jan. 7, 1882 | Letter | McArthur, A. Manitoba Investment Association | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging letter of the 6th inst. re some requested information which he cannot give at present. |  |

Letterhead, scrawl, : “I have your favor of 6th instant and as soon as I can obtain the information from the books of the Steward on Thurs I will send your statement.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1108 | Jan. 11, 1882 | Invitation | McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Invitation to attend their daughter's wedding. | Torn |

Invitation to wedding of Kate to Mr. Frank McPhillips in Exeter ON on 11 Jan 1882

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| G 8699 | A - 1109 | Jan. 2, 1882 | Letter | Oliver, Walter | Rat Portage, Man.[sic] | Norquay, John | R.R.McLellan subcontractor, Sec. B. CPRY offering himself a candidate for the suffrages of the County of Varennes. |  |

“Dear Sir: In explanation of the Tel. I sent you, I would say that a requisition is being circulated here requesting R R McLellan (sub-contractor on Sectn B. C.P. Ry) to offer himself a candidate for the suffrages of this County and representation in the Manitoba Parliament, and deeming the action taken, a little premature consequently tel. you asking the information I did – and should any further be developed please post me in regard to it – wishing you the compliments of the season and all success to your party, I am, Your obt servant, Walter Oliver”

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| G 8699 | A - 1110 | April 13, 1882 | Letter | Thomson, James | Orkney, Scotland | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Nichol Irvine. |  |

“Quoys, South Ronaldshay, Orkney

My dear Mr. Norquay I have very much pleasure to ntroduce to your special notice … Mr Nichol Irvine, who is a very deserving young Orcadian. He has had a first class business training in the same office as my son James. His respected father who is an old and valued friend of mine is a gentleman of high standing with us being Agent for the Union Bank of Scotland, & Senior Baillie of the ancient City of Kirkwall. Mr. Irvine has gone to your Province to settle and make it his future home. I am not sure whether …[found job – please help etc]

I am very happy to acquaint you that my son is doing very well indeed, and finds Manitoba even to exceed what you represented it to be prior to his leaving Orkney.

I again return you my very sincere thanks for all your former kindness and remain, My dear Mr. Norquay Yours very truly James Thomson”

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| G 8699 | A - 1111 | April 25, 1882 | Letter | Smith, Goldwin | Oxford, England | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Henley. |  |

“Dear Sir I take the liberty of commending to your kindness Mr. Henley an English gentleman who is going with his wife to settle in Manitoba. His father is the eldest son of the Right Hon. Mr. Henley of Waterperry in this county, formerly M.P. for Oxfordshire and a member of Lord Derby’s Cabinet.

Mrs. Henley would I believe be very grateful to any lady who would kindly lend her the assistance of a little advice and guidance in what will be to her a very novel situation.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours very truly, Goldwin Smith The Hon. J. Norquay M.P.P.

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| G 8699 | A - 1112 | April 13, 1882 | Postcard | Steele Bros. and Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating they have forwarded by mail 11 parcels of seeds. |  |

Printed postcard with handwritten ps – re mail dispatch of 11 parcels of seeds – ps: “Vermont potatoes are not at present to be had – we send value Beardy of Hebron – You ordered ¼ each Portugal & Queen Onion and only allow 5 c each We send value of remittance – will send “Farm Fireside” Hope all will be satisfactory”

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| G 8699 | A - 1113 | April 10, 1882 | Postcard | Pinkham, W. Cyprian, Secretary of Synod | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking subscriptions on behalf of the Home Mission Fund. |  |

Printed card re donations to Home Mission Fund which supports stipends for clergy of the diocese.

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| G 8699 | A - 1114 | April 15, 1882 | Letter | Stobart, Eden and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating they have sold out to Blair and Larmour and soliciting the patronage given their firm to their predecessors. |  |

Printed letter – we’ve sold our retail business to Messrs Blair & Larmour, will be wholesalers henceforth, and are closing the retail books – plese pay account for $6.25.

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| G 8699 | A - 1115 | April 18, 1882 | Letter | Young, P.R. | Lower Fort Garry, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. if he can assist him to get Patent for a River Lot in St. Peters. |  |

“Dear Sir I have a river lot in St Peter’s for which I want to get a Patent – can you help me to do so? If so, I will send you the particulars. An early answer will oblige, Yours truly P. R. Young”

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| G 8699 | A - 1116 | May 26, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A., for the  Surveyor-General, Dept of Interior, Dom Lands Office | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging application for the issue of letters patent to Mr. N. for Lot 61 in the Parish of  St. Clements. |  |

Form letter, blanks filled in by hand: acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th ult, “making application for the issue of letters patent to you for Lot No. 61 in the Parish of St Clements, and enclosing the following documentary evidence in support of your claim …” [viz: 1. Declaration of yourself; 2. Decl of Albert Monkman Jr; 3.Decln of James Taylor; 4 Registrars Abstract; 5. Deed S.L. Bedson (et.al) to J. Norquay; 6 Affidavit of David Young]

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| G 8699 | A - 1117 | Sept. 6, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, James | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Banquet to be given to Mr. N. at Pilot Mound. | 2 pp. |

Letter head of Fraser & McLean, real estate,

“Dear Sir Yours recd today, will have everything ready and expect a good turnout. A Banquet will be served you and friends on Friday Evening the 16th at seven o’clock P.M.

I hope also to see Brown and Walker. We have written to Dr Wilson and also Alexander to be present. Now we expect that you will not disappoint us. If we can arrange it our Brass Band will meet you on Friday noon at Pembina Xing I will also try and be at Norquay on Thursday. Yours sincerely James Fraser”

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| G 8699 | A - 1118 | Aug. 21, 1882 | Letter | Keith, R.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Soliciting orders for curling stones. |  |

Handwritten circular re season 1882-3 – orders for pairs of curling stones with handles (brass [$3/pr], nickel plated [4.00] or silver plated [5.00]) and bolts fitted, plus freight from Toronto, at $12.50-$17.00 pr.

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| G 8699 | A - 1119 | Sept. 6, 1882 | Memo | Burrows, Acton | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating he has sent to Begg both the reports of delegates to Ottawa as requested. | Torn |

Brief scrawl on fragment of paper – “I have sent to Begg both the reports of delegates to Ottawa, as requested. Acton Burrows”

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| G 8699 | A - 1120 (a) | April 17, 1882 | Letter | Citizens Insurance Co. of Canada | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Asking for Mr. N.'s patronage and stating the Company's Guarantee Branch has been transferred to the Guarantee Company of North America. | 3 pp. |
| G 8699 | A - 1120 (b) | Dec. 31, 1881 | Report | Guarantee Co. of North America | Montreal, Que. | Shareholders | 9th Annual Report for 1881. |  |
| G 8699 | A - 1120 (c) | March 1882 | Brochure | Guarantee Co. of North America | Montreal, Que. | Prospective Clients | Description of company's business. |  |

Three printed circulars: a)This company’s Guarantee Branch has been transferred to Guarantee Company of North America. We hope you will continue your patronage. Sgd: Gerald Hart, General Mgr

b) Ninth Annual Report of GCNA – head office Montreal – Sir Alex T. Galt President, VP John Rankin, etc. with branches in Cda and US.

It advertises that various corporations in Cda adopt the company’s bonds as security from their employees.

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| G 8699 | A - 1121 | Jan. 26, 1882 | Letter | White, Fred | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Welcoming Mr. N. to Ottawa again. |  |

Printed letterhead: “Stadacona Hall Ottawa” handwritten in hand very like that in JAM correspondence: “My dear Norquay Welcome to Ottawa again. I enclose a letter which Bedson sent me for delivery to you on your arrival. Of course you are here for the Session – the whole Session. I will hunt you up when I get out of School. Yours sincerely, Fred’k White”

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| G 8699 | A - 1122 | Jan. 16, 1881?  Or 1882? | Letter | Ross, Killam and Haggart | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Patent for Lot 222 St. Andrews. |  |

Letterhead, barristers, Wpg [A W Ross; A C Killam; Alex Haggart; Walter Wilkes]

“Hon J Norquay, City: Dear Sir: re Application for Patent for Lot No. 223 St Andrews:

We have been to you two or three times but have never been lucky enough to find you in and Mr Blanchard is also very hard to find will you please see him and get him to apply for patent at once and if cannot do so at once please give us authority to apply for it for you ourselves as Scarth is anxious to get the Loan cleared up. Yours very truly Ross Killam & Haggart

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| G 8699 | A - 1124 | April 29, 1882 | Letter | Rickards, Charles D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to recommend him for the position of Agent for Dominion Lands. |  |

Handwritten, “personal” – re resignation of Mr Whitcher as Land Agent here – I have applied to Deputy Minister -- would you interest yourself in my application – have been working in land office here for nine years. “You are aware of the experience I have gained, and as you have already expressed yourself favourable to my application, I get you to forward it with any suggestions you may think desirable, and such recommendations as you feel yourself at liberty to make.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1125 | April 17, 1882 | Letter | Rickards, C.D. Agent of Dominion Lands | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of certain papers for lot No. 17 in St. Andrews. |  |

Printed form with blanks filled in: I acknowledge receipt of papers listed in support of your application (Ref No 28,911) [also noted as 14,181]:

1. Application for a patent for Lot No. 17 in Saint Andrews
2. Declaration of Thomas Sinclair & of Albert Hodgson
3. Deed Rev. H. George to Rev. J Gardiner
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| G 8699 | A - 1126 | April 25, 1882 | Letter | Royal, Honourable  Joseph | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Thanking Mr. N. for telegrams and 2 copies of  pamphlet upon the necessities of the Provinces. | Torn |

“My dear Norquay, Many thanks for your telegram & the 2 copies of your pamphlet upon the necessities of our Province.

Session very likely to terminate about 8th or 9th and then dissolution.

Many wishes for your success. Yours truly J. Royal”

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| G 8699 | A - 1127 | April 27, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A. for the Surveyor General | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging letter dated the 25th ult on the subject of letters patent to one Harrower for the outer 2 miles of Lot 12 in the Parish of St. Paul. |  |

Printed form, blanks filled in: acknowledge receipt of “your letter dated the 25th ult, on the subject of the issue of letters patent to one Harrower for the Outer two miles of Lot no. 12 in the Parish of St. Paul.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1128 | April 4, 1882 | Postcard | Pinkham, A. Cyprian, Secretary of Synod | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the  Mission Board. |  |

Printed card headed Synod Office re meeting of Exec committee of Mission Board at Bishop’s Court, Wed 12th at 4:00 pm.

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| G 8699 | A - 1129 | April 18, 1882 | Letter | Nolan, W.H. | Box 748, Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Driven [?] Wells. | 3 pp. |

Handwritten: enclosing circular [not here] on “Driven Wells” [?]

Wants to introduce these wells to MB to supply “good and pure water” – what success would I have? References: Hon A W Ogilvie, Mr H Gault, Thos Craig, W Clendenning, Jas Robertson, Robt Gardner – all of Montreal

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| G 8699 | A - 1130 | April 6, 1882 April 10, 1882 | 2 Letters | Nash, W. Hill | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing cheque for $1000.00. | 2 pp. |

1. 6 April: “My Dear Mr. Norquay I have yours of the 3rd inst. I enclose herewith deed re Hope registered as requested. I return herewith Interim receipt. It is not usual to register these. However it may be done, if you particularly wish it, by getting Newcombe to have someone witness his signature and make the usual affidavit of Execution. I also enclose Abstract of title. Yours faithfully W. Hill Nash
2. 10 April: “My Dear Mr. Norquay I have yours of the 7th just received. I enclose herewith cheques for $1000.00 marked good. McInnis expected to have the drawing of the mortgage & wished to be remembered in the way of Commission; But I made them pay over the thousand dollars all the same. The mortgages have been executed and I will register them tomorrow. Trusting you will find everything satisfactory believe me, Yours faithfully W Hill Nash

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| G 8699 | A - 1131 | April 6, 1882 | Abstract | Nash, W. Hill, Registrar, County of Morris | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Section 36 T6 R2W. The Department of the Interior, Dominion Lands Branch has given interim receipts to the Honourable Mr. N. pending the issue of a patent to him for above described lands. |  |

Official abstract, printed form, titled “Registry office, County of Morris” Emerson, re Section 31, Township 6, Range 2 West:

No. of instrument: 3127 Instrument: B&S its date: 5 July 1879

Grantor: Hon John Norquay Grantee: John Hope Consideration: $631.00

Quantity of land and remarks: “The whole”

“The Department of the Interior Dominion Lands Branch has given Interim receipt, to the Hon. John Norquay pending the issue of a patent to him, for above described lands.

I certify the above is correct. W Hill Nash, Registrar”

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| G 8699 | A - 1132 | April 11, 1882 | Letter | Rickards, C.D. for the Surveyor General | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of papers re Lot No. 228 in St. Andrews. |  |

Printed form with blanks filled in: I acknowledge receipt of papers listed in support of your application (Ref No 28,912) [also noted as 14,127]:

1. Application for a patent for Lot No. 228 in Saint Andrews
2. Declaration of Thomas Sinclair & of Albert Hodgson

To: Hon John Norquay”

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| G 8699 | A - 1133 | April 26, 1882 | Letter | Lowe, J. Secretary, Department of Agriculture | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Messrs. Lansdale, Owen, Cartwright and Mandsley. A deputation from Lord Derby's Estate. |  |

Letterhead of Dept of Agriculture, Ottawa, perfect writing by clerk, sgd by Lowe:

Introducing on behalf of Min. of Agriculture the following: Messrs. Lansdale, Owen, Cartwright and Maudsley, deputation from Lord Derby’s estate, going to MB “with a view to selecting lands for their sons and probably for themselves.” Please ensure every facility is afforded them. Hespeler has been directed to send a guide with them. “Their Delegate character has a good deal of importance attached to it.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1134 | 1882 | Railway Pass | Mandel, A. and Ives, H.C. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Pass for 1882. (St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba  Railway). |  |

Neat little printed card, headed “1882 St Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway” “Pass”

Handwritten “Hon Jno. Norquay Complimentary #3237” and printed in red above “A780”. “Until December 31st 1882 unless otherwise ordered and subject to conditions on back. Good only when countersigned by H.C. Ives” – and it is signed by Ives and A Mandel, General Manager”

Conditions on back – not transferable – free passengers accept all risk of accident without claim for damages

Map: 196 miles in Fergus Falls Div, 389 in Breckenridge Div, and 435 in Northern Div – Total 1020 miles completed and in operation 1 January 1882.

[note: lines on both sides of Red River: on east side, to Wpg.; on west side to north of Grafton at river running into Red from the west just below Pembina N.D. and St Vincent MN.]

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| G 8699 | A - 1135 | Dec. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Kennedy, Strome and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Walker, D.M. | To account rendered for Stationery $8.85. |  |

Bill for stationery to D M Walker --- $8.85

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| G 8699 | A - 1136 | Oct. 11, 1882 | Letter | Kennedy W. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Mrs. Hodgins. | No Cover |

Kennedy’s usual scrawl, half in pen, half pencil

“My Dear Mr Norquay The Bearer of this is a Mrs. Hodgins ( a relative of ours) who should be separated from her husband because he is a drunkard, beats his wife, does nothing to provide for this wife, but uses her property for his own purposes, wishes her to make all her property over to him, & is in my estimation a case coming under the 43rd chapter of the Con. St. of Manitoba. Will you put her in a way by which she may be able to do this. She tells me Archibald & Howell are her lawyers so if you recommend the application of the above act you might tell her to give her case to them. I have already fined her husband for selling grog to Indians for Bullock. Yours truly Wm Kennedy”

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| G 8699 | A - 1137 | Oct. 30, 1882 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Liquor permits. | No Cover |

Letterhead of Kildonan Cottage, Wpg., also crest of ‘rooster?’ motto: “dum spiro spero”

“Dear Mr Norquay The settlers in Range 29 have to go to Moosomin Station which is just outside Manitoba. The police there will not recognize the Provincial permits but spill all liquor unless the permit is endorsed by the Lieut Gov. N.W.T. Would you kindly try to get Mr. Dewdney to make some arrangements by which settlers holding Manitoban permits & going to Moosomin with the intention of immediate recrossing the Provincial Boundary may be allowed to pass with their provincial permit. Yrs respectfully, Ed. P. Leacock”

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| G 8699 | A - 1138 | Oct. 25, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Leacock E. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | P.W. and N.W.R. meeting. | No Cover |

Portage, Westbourne and North-Western Railway: E P Leacock sec-treas, form letter: meeting of directors in temporary offices, at 3:30 Thursday 26th inst.

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| G 8699 | A - 1139 | Oct. 12, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, John | Minnedosa, Man. | Norquay, John | About land and 2nd Entry. | No Cover |

This is JN’s cousin, scrawl, lined cheap notepaper:

“Dear Sir I have just returned from the Shell saw the Bolton sec as far as I can judge their [sic]is only 80 acers [sic] of dry land on the half sec and three parts stone the best site for a town is on the cross side of the river on sec 3 T 23 R 29 and on sec 11 T 23 R 29 [.] I have chosen sec 10 butting on to 11 their is a nice valley runs up thrugh the south hlf of 10 the only one that is on the cross side of the river that a road could be made with little truble Bolton told me he was never accross [sic] to see how the valley or the land looked like I did not get an intry Mr Belch thinks I should write to the minister of the Interior get you to write he thinks it right that I should get a second intry and would have done so only for a certain oath to be taken on second intry he did not know what kind of an oath to give me he took the number of the Lot he and his assistant and promised to hold it for me untill I found out from the minister would you kindly write for me I told all the particulars when I saw yo but you might have forgot I came to this place in 1874 July 9 and on 4 Sep 1878 intered and on May 7 1880 bought said land I tried to inter one month after taking up the land then three months after I offered to leave the money for my interance fee and was not accepted because the report of the survey of this part of the country had not come to the office please doe me the favour and write for me and if I cannot doe as much for you somebody else will excuse my bad penmanship for I can hardly make it out but no doubt you will as you are a better schollar we are all well hoping you and yours are in the same injoyment of good health Yours respectfully

John Norquay

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| G 8699 | A - 1140 | Oct. 31, 1881 | Premium Notice | Canada Life Assurance  Co. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | $20.80 due on Policy. | No Cover |

Form with blanks filled in: payment due 3 Nov.

Sum assured: $1000 Half-year premium: $20.00

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| G 8699 | A - 1141 | Oct. 24, 1882 | Receipt | Rolls, James F., M.D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account and receipt. | No Cover |

Pharmacy bill:

Enos salt [in Sept/81 and Feb/82], soap, toothpowder, etc – Aug ’81-Feb ’82: $11.90

Pd: 11Nov 1882

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| G 8699 | A - 1142 | Oct. 19, 1882 | Letter | Wolf, Joseph | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Invitation to banquet. | No Cover |

“I have been instructed by the Managing Committee to enclose you a complimentary ticket for the Conservative Banquet to be held on Friday evening Oct 20th at the Grand Union Hotel….”

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| G 8699 | A - 1143 | Oct. 27, 1882 | Letter | White John & sons | Exeter, Ont. | Norquay, John | Greenway and Registry Office at Crystal City. | No Cover |

Letterhead of The Times, Exeter ON

“Dear Sir We understand that Mr Thos Greenway of South Huron fame is at present striving to upset the local government and replace it with a Grit Govt, with himself as leader. Now, as Mr Greenway is well known to be not overscrupulous it might be well to acquqint you of a report which has recently been quietly whispered around here. It is said that Mr Greenway, through his influence, had a Registry Office established in Crystal City, and that the appointment of a Registrar for the district ws treated by him as a marketable commodity for whomsoever would give him the highest amount and that one Robert Rollins offered him $1500 for the appointment; and that the present Registrar, Mr John Knox, paid Mr Greenway $2000 for the appointment. If is also stated that the amount was borrowed in this nieighborhood by Mr Knox.

We merely send you the report as we heard it, and we think if there is any chance of you sifting the matter, to ascertain the truthfulness of the report, it would go a good way towards effectually disposing of Mr Greenway.

We send you this as private & confidential, and if it is any use to you, willing and ascertain the name of the party from whom Knox borrowed the money. Truly yours John White & Sons, proprietors

Ps: We understand the report originated with parties who have recently returned from Crystal City

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| G 8699 | A - 1144 | Oct. 30, 1882 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Re: Position in Brandon. | No Cover |

“Dear Norquay Mr Gurney has written me from Brandon to the effect that you wish him to exchange with Mr McDonald on account of his having been the senior. Now I do not quite understand how or have I ever heard of any such course. Mr G was appointed by your own Govt and the other party was an appointee of the Federal Govt at a time when they had really no right to appoint anyone on the eve of that being formed into part of this Province, and as Mr G has gone to considerable expense….” Etc

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| G 8699 | A - 1145 | Oct. 9, 1882 | Letter | Cusitar, John | Shell River | Norquay, John | Acknowledgement of letter. | No Cover |

Scrawl: Dear Sir – rec’d your favour of 20th Sept, thanks for information…

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| G 8699 | A - 1146 | Oct. 18, 1882 | Letter | Baker, W.R., C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Inspection postponed S.W. Branch. | No Cover |

CPR letterhead, Wpg – “My dear Mr Norquay Mr Van Horne’s trip to the South Western Branch is postponed until Monday morning.

Yours very truly, W R Baker Genl mgr’s assistant”

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| G 8699 | A - 1147 | Oct. 5, 1882 | Letter | Baker, W.R., C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. LaRiviere | No Cover |

Same: “My dear Mr Norquay Enclosed is the best I can do for Mr. Lariviere just now. Yours very truly, W. R. Baker”

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| G 8699 | A - 1148 | April 11, 1882 | Letter | Dyke, John, Canada Government Agency | Liverpool, England | Norquay, John | Introducing Messrs. Lansdal, Cartwright, Owen and Hawdsley, large farmers near Liverpool. |  |

“Dear Sir The bearers, Messrs Lansdale, Cartwright, Owen and Mawdsley, who are farming in a large way in the neighborhood of Liverpool, have determined to go forward t Manitoba in order to acertain the advantages the country offers to such as themselves or their sons. Mr. Lansdale has a very large interest in the Hudson Bay Coy and moreover is a personal friend of mine. Any special attention you or my friends may pay these gentlemen, for the sake of the crane’s leg, will be esteemed a personal favour. Yours very truly

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| G 8699 | A - 1149 | April 13, 1882 | Letter | Hope, John and Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging favor of 4th re telegram acceptance of cheque asking if the same is OK. |  |

“Dear Sir We duly recd your favour of the 4th addressed to our senior & we immediately wired you ‘Have no relations with Merchants Bank, but Bank of Montreal will accept your cheques to extent of Five thousand dollars’

We presume this telegram was satisfactory, but it not please wire us. Kindly advise any cheques you may draw against above credit.

We remain yours truly John Hope & Co”

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| G 8699 | A - 1150 | May 29, 1881 | Letter | Begg, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | On his departure for Montreal re: account in his office and to keep mum as to his leaving the Government as he is yet undecided. |  |

“Dear Mr Norquay You were the only one I did not say good-by to. I will write you from Montreal about my interview with Donald A. I may say however that McTavish has decided for me but he wishes to get the best terms he can for me. He however wishes nothing said at present so please if anyone should say anything tell them I have no idea of leaving for as yet I am quite undecided in my own mind. I hate the thought of leaving you. However we will see[.] I will do nothing without consulting you. I have given Ruttan instructions but told him to just make out cheques & leave anything else till I come back. I’ll only be away a week or two. I made up Government House a/c & left it with Ruttan with cheque for balance. I told Nursey to hand you all a/cs Govt House in his possession. Ruttan has $50.00 of yours which was deducted from McDougall & which I told him to give you. If anyone bothers you about those Manitoba Exhibit a/cs ask them to hold them till my return as that freight from Montreal has not returned. As soon as I get back I pledge you to fix them all up. If Law Society wants statement of their a/c tell them to wait till I get back as it has to be very carefully made up & I will then have to see McArthur about interest. Your cheques for advances I have locked up. Ruttan knows nothing of these matters. Please destroy this letter on a/c what I say about McTavish [.] Good by I’ll hurry back Your friend A Begg

If it should in any way leak out about the possibility of my leaving the Government employ will you kindly for my sake deny it flatly. At present I have no such intention & will have none without your consent. A Begg

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| G 8699 | A - 1151 | April 15, 1882 | Letter | Disbrowe, Leacock and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating they have secured the services of an Engineer and are ready to take contracts in that line and soliciting patronage. |  |

We have hired “a First class Dominion Land Surveyor” and can lay out townsites etc.

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| G 8699 | A - 1152 | June 8, 1882 | Letter | Thomson, James | Orkney, Scotland | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Alex McLaren. |  |

From Quoys, So. Ronaldshay, Orkney: “My Dear Mr. Norquay” – introduces my nephew, Alexr McLaren Thomson, who has been in New Zealand for some years, and is now touring US and the Dominion “and will make Manitoba his headquarters for a time, his object is to see the land for himself and obtain upon the spot reliable information concerning it with the view of probable ultimate settlement,…” advice, information – “Trusting you will kindly excuse me for thus again troubling you and with best wishes, I am, My dear Mr Norquay, Yours very sincerely, James Thomson”

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| G 8699 | A - 1153 | April 24, 1882 | Memo | Bedson S.L., Superintendent, Asylum | Stony Mountain, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating that owing to the illness of two insane persons he has been obliged to get a night attendant whose services will be discontinued at the earliest possible moment. |  |

Memo re hiring of a second male nurse for night attendance – owing to illness of two insane persons. “This will be discontinued at the earliest possible moment.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1154 | April 1, 1882 | Letter | Begg, Alex Bartholomew House | London, England | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to write. Also asking him to come to England. |  |

“Dear Mr. Norquay Out of sight out of mind I think with you people out there. Not a line from any of you since I arrived here. It is mean [.] Do write & let me know how all is. I have placed the matter of you coming over in May before Mr. Stephen & other directors. Please write me a note addressed to me & enclose it in your regular letter saying that you will be happy to come and state the time when you could come over. Address the note to me as if in answer to a note from me asking you whether you will come – I want you over and I know they will invite you if they thought you would accept. Now don’t fail to do this the moment you receive this. Mrs. Begg has been enjoying herself in company with dukes, earls & their wives and has captivated a Chinese Ambassador but please don’t say these things out to anyone because you know it is private & in confidence to you only and would be looked on as mere blow by others – but I am serious I have got into the very best society through Dr Rae and if you came over I fear you will never wish to go back [.] You will be the lion of the day – Now don’t forget to let me know I even wish you could cable me & I would then write you by cable and have it published through Britain that you were coming –

Remember me to all – when does the house meet – You must pull it through at all cost. I have written Luxton that I would kill him if he goes back on you. Yours in haste

And with sincere friendship Alex Begg

I am dressed as a blasted Englishman now & you would not know me AB

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| G 8699 | A - 1155 | April 13, 1882 | Letter | Cameron H.D. Treasurer, Hamilton Provident and Loan  Society | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Lot in St. Peters. |  |

Your letter of the 3rd inst – “I was disappointed at your not calling here according to your promise on your way home….”

“I am sorry to find you are of opinion that there is very little chance of getting Patents to the St Peters lands. I note your proposal viz.- of our giving you one half interest in these lands on the condition of your getting a Title to the whole. I shall consult Mrs. Hyman who is my co-executor upon the matter and we may be glad to avail ourselves of this offer. In the meantime I do not think we can do anything as I purpose having a thorough investigation of the whole matter. With kind regards, Truly yours, H. D. Cameron, Treasurer”

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| G 8699 | A - 1156 | June 8, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Vidal, R.E. Secretary | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice to attend a meeting of Captain Scott's East Ward Committee. |  |

Meeting of Capt. Scott’s East Ward Committee, Friday, 8 o’clock sharp on 9th.

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| G 8699 | A - 1157 | June 9 & 10, 1882 | 2 Letters | Spence, Andrew | High Bluff | Norquay, John | Remuneration for services at election. | 2 pp. |

Scrawl, ink blots: “My frend I have paid [?found] your Tom the required flour [?] …[illegible] payment for Charles Adams[.] But I must say – you had to give me a consideration for services for you last Election you sent for me you know well[.] If I only got one vote for you I done my best. And I consider that I am Entitled to a consideration from you at least I think you should think the same. Yours truly, Andrew Spence

Second note: “Another thing you as a premier you have never paid for being returning officer for your municipal election for which I claim $10.00 Yours truly

Andrew Spence

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| G 8699 | A - 1158 | June 7, 1882 | Letter | The Manitoba and North West Loan Co. Muttlebury, G.A.,  Manager | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing cancelled note of hand for $125.00 -- which paid the premium on policy in the Lion Life Insurance Co. | 2 pp. |

“My dear Mr Norquay I am in receipt of your cheque for $125 & now hand you note & beg to thank you for your promptitude [sic]. I am very sorry to have missed you but the Lion Life are pushing me to get all the outstanding premiums paid. I trust I have not put you to inconvenience. Yours truly G A Muttlebury

Enclosure: cheque: dated 17 April/82: J Norquay promises to pay $123.50 to Muttlebury two months hence [thus due 20 June]

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| G 8699 | A - 1159 | June 17, 1882 | Letter | Milne, P. | Queensville, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging Mr. N.'s letter on purely family matters. |  |

Near Lake Simcoe, ON handwritten, clear script

Hon J. Norquay Dear Sir: You will no doubt think it very strange and probably ungentlemanly on the part of my Father for not replying to your most interesting and welcome letter….[He is “advanced in years”, can’t correspond, I do it for him, have been away – thus the delay]

Learned through Jas Anderson that “some of my father’s kindred were still left in the North West the birth place and boyhood home of my father….”

“So as to be certain we have made no mistakes in the connections, I will briefly run them over. My Grandmother’s name was Kitty Morwick, the daughter of Jane Spence who you say is your Grandmother. You also state that two of her sons Joseph & David Spence are still living and are at Poplar Pt…. Yours very truly P. Milne”

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| G 8699 | A - 1160 | July 18, 1882 | Postcard | Matheson, Samuel P. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Board of Governors on the 20th inst. |  |

Meeting of Board of Governors of Ladies’ School at the school, July 20th at 3:00

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| G 8699 | A - 1161 | June 2, 1882 | Letter | McDonald, A. Hudsons Bay Co. Office | Fort Ellice, [N.W.T?] | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to hold the Registrarship open until after the elections for Major Bolton [Boulton]. |  |

Handwritten, “private & confidential”

“My dear Sir: I saw Major Boulton yesterday after he was at the Birtle meeting and if he gets the nomination at Rapid City which I almost think he will I think he has made up his mind to run if he was to do so and get beaten could you not keep open the Registrarship until after the elections… he can ill afford to lose the other thing if beaten at the polls you know it is a large Riding but no local man is better qualified you also know what interest I take in the matter – and knowing his circumstances I would hate to see him loose the Registrarship…. With every good wish, I remain yours faithfully Andrew McDonald

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| G 8699 | A - 1162 | Nov. 22, 1882 | Letter | Pennefather, John D., M.D. | Norquay, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Political matters. |  |

Scrawl: “Dear Mr Norquay: I wrote you concerning Mr. Howell as a candidate for the division of Mountain. But last Monday I heard rightly or wrongly that you would contest Mr Greenway’s seat acting on this we started yesterday to get a certain number of representative names from each district requesting you to stand. The notion is very warmly taken up and on your announcing it as a fact we will form sub comittees throughout the constitutency and I think that you would be returned. I hope you will add the 8 northern townships of Norfolk to our electoral division. They contain a solid Conservative vote – over 200. Greenway and Landerkin managed to disfranchise them at the last election, with these townships added to the division of Mountain the Conservative vote must triumph. Should you decide to run make my shanty your headquarters I will put 4 horses at your service. Mr. Holland will hand you the requisition. As he leaves tomorrow it was impossible to get a larger signature but with time we can get hundreds. I hope what we have heard it true, it would be a grand coup and will astonish the enemy. Yours very truly John D [[P?] Pennefather”

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| G 8699 | A - 1163 | June 26, 1882 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Asking an answer to his last letter. |  |

“Dear Norquay I again set down to drope you a few lines to ask you what is the mater that I have not recived any ancer from you about any thing that I have riten to you about I had no other relibel [reliable] frand to right to about this things But you and I don’t know what is the mater that you haven’t ritn [written] to me althow I no that you have a gradile [great deal] to do But have time now and try and let me no about my half Bread [halfbreed] right and oblige your old frand James F Sandersan”

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| G 8699 | A - 1164 | June 22, 1882 | Receipt | New York Piano Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Cauchon. Lieut. Gov. | Account for piano. |  |

Bill to “His Honor Lieut Gov Cauchon City” for “one Weber Parlour Grand piano” priced at $1200, less trade discount of 200, and Spec discount of 100 = $900.00

July 20 “received payment by note 3 months sgd R.W. Caldwell”

On the printed bill: “The N.Y. Weber Piano was classed above any other Piano in the world at the Centennial Exhibition”

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| G 8699 | A - 1165 | June 15, 1882 | Postcard | Bernier, T.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of Council of University on the 19th inst. in the Education Office. |  |

Notice of meeting on 19th in Educ offices of Council of University, and on 21st at the Court House, at 4:00 a public meeting conferring degrees

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| G 8699 | A - 1166 | June 8, 1882 | Letter | Campbell, A.C[?]. Minister of Justice | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter dated the 3rd, relative to the Judgeship. |  |

“My dear Mr. Norquay I have yours of the 3rd relative to the judgeship, but, after writing it, you would receive my telegram in reply to that which you sent to me. Nothing can be done as to the appointment until we have a Council, which we shall not have until towards the end of the month. I will be glad to bring the matter up then. Faithfully yours, A Campbell

On reading your letter again it seems doubtful whether you mean a “judgeship” or a “Q.C.ship” – but, if the latter, that too would have to stand until Council re-assembles.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1167 | June 20, 1882 | Letter | Cowley, E. St. John's Ladies' College St Peter’s | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Report on the progress of Misses Norquay at College. |  |

Dear Mr. Norquay I am sorry not to have sent you the reports of your girls sooner, but since I came down here, many other matters have hindered me writing. You don’t need to be told that they have both worked industriously, though Nelly with more success than Bella, & that in conduct they have both pleased all who have had to do with them. I had hoped Nelly would have taken not merely an examination hon:men: but a prize, but I fancy she did not feel very well that fortnight. Indeed latterly they were neither of them quite equal to their work. A holiday will do them good. Are you not pleased with Bella’s improvement in Music? I think it reflects credit both on her industry, & Dr. Maclegan’s good teaching. I am sorry he gave me no marks, that might have [inserted?] her rank among his pupils. I fancy it is second. Please excuse this half-sheet. I did not notice it when I took it. Remember me kindly to Mrs. Norquay & give my love to Bella & Nelly.

Ever believe me, yours very truly E Cowley

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| G 8699 | A - 1168 | June 2, 1882 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas | Duluth, Minn. | Norquay, John | Asking to use Mr. N.'s good name as one of his business references. "Duluth Daily Market Report" included. |  |

Asking to use his name as a reference, now that he is setting up as real estate business in Duluth – also asking R D Bathgate, D MacArthur, Hon C P Brown, and W W Ogilvie.

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| G 8699 | A - 1169 | June 4, 1882 | Letter | Erasmus, Peter | Qu'Appelle, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Asking if there is any chance of him getting any scrip and stating he is a native of the Country. Soliciting Mr. N.'s aid. |  |

Pencil, graceful hand

“Sir I hope you will excuse me for taking the liberty of writing you as I have never been in the habit of doing so. I am about to ask you to do me a favor. You are aware I am a native of the country and born in Winnipeg and have never received any scrip as yet. I would be ever grateful to you if you wiuld find out for me if there is a chance for me as well as the many who are in the Saskatchewan.

I need not tell you where I was raised for I know you know as well as myself – and should there be any doubt as to the fact you could find my name in the Baptismal Register of St Andrews for the year 1833.

I hold a very good situation in the Indian Department in the Saskatchewan ---- I hope you will for old acquaintance sake do all you can for me. I remain, Yours very truly, Peter Erasmus”

Any letter directed to Battleford will find me PE

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| G 8699 | A - 1170 | June 27, 1882 | Subscription Letter | Hart, Rev. Prof. [Thomas] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Soliciting funds to establish a scholarship in memory of Dr. Black bearing the name of the John Black Scholarship. |  |

Printed form seeking donations for a Rev. Dr Black monument in Kildonan church-yard and for s’ship at Manitoba College

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| G 8699 | A - 1171 | June 2, 1882 | Letter | Lowe, John Secretary in Department of Agriculture | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Recommending the B.A. Bank Note Co. if Mr. N. requires any work done in the shape of Engraving Stamps or fine Maps etc. |  |

[Private] – Mr. Pope notes that a good govt supporter, G B Burland, of BA Bank Note Co of Mtl, can produce engraving stamps and fine maps. “Of course you will understand that this letter is written to you purely privately and confidentially and with a view of giving you information of what may be done in Canada.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1172 | June 5, 1882 | Letter | Alcock, W.G. | Sidney, Man. | Norquay, John | Offering Mr. N. to make Sydney a County town. |  |

“Dear Sir We are situated exactly in the centre of the county of Norfolk right on the C.P.R. in Tp ten, Range 13 west. We made an arrangement with the CPR Company last week for a station. We also have the Junction of the Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway with the CPT. We have a healthy location, plenty of fuel, and good spring water all around us. The road leading to the settlements south of the Assiniboine runs straight south from here. It is a central point in all respects, and an eligible one, for a county town. Carberry is so far west that it would be quite one sided, and is also in a very bleak situation while our place is well sheltered in winter, in fact a prettier place for a town could not well be found.

Now we want privately to give you an interest in the Town site and some of the land contiguous. Sufficient to make it profitable to you, and to us. If you desire to see me I can come down at once.

Believing that it is the proper place for the County Town we beg to ask you to use your influence for us in getting it.

If there is any advice you can give me in the matter, I shall be very much obliged and it will go no farther.

Hoping to hear from yu at your earliest convenience I have the honor to be, Dear Sir, Your most obt servant, W.G. Alcock”

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| G 8699 | A - 1173 | June 1, 1882 | Letter | Bliss, J. | Prescott, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he cannot go into cattle ranches in this country as he is so deeply into it in Texas and Kansas. | Torn |

“Dr Sir Your favor of April 11th I find on my return from Texas today. I don’t believe I can do anything in your city at present. I’ve gone very largely into the cattle business in Texas & Kansas have bought 2 ranches with 21,000 cattle and I am about buying another of 23000 cattle & 1,000,000 acres of land.

Under the circumstances it will not be advisable to extend my business farther at present. Am vy much obliged for your kindness and believe me, faithfully yours J Bliss”

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| G 8699 | A - 1174 | June 10, 1882 | Letter | Balsillie, Jno Hudsons Bay Co. Land Dept | City (Winnipeg) | Howard, Rice M. | Enclosing receipt for second installment and interest of purchase money on lots and cheque of $10.00. |  |

Addressed to Rice M. Howard Esq receipt for “second instalment, and interest, of purchase money of lots 93/4 Block 2.” [wonder why it’s here?]

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| G 8699 | A - 1175 | April 12, 1882 | Letter | Carney, Thomas | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. not to grant the prayer of the petitioners of West Lynne. |  |

Scrawl, familiar:

“My Dear Sir Yours of 12th at hand I was sorry not to see you. We was on business of great importance to me. I suppose Brown has mentioned the matter to you. Now Norquay do not give West Lynn their request. …discourage them and they will willingly fall in and incorporate with Emerson. Answer their petition to the above effect and I will at once prepare a bill for incorporate West Lynn with Emerson [sic] provided you will suspend the rule and let the Bill pass.

As to the matters you mentioned ….You can depend on me. Sure I will be there promptly Lord willing…. Res yours T Carney

John we must always keep the coast clear of possibles [?illegible?]

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| G 8699 | A - 1176 | April 6, 1882 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill Registrar, County of Manchester | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Deed re Hope $1.95. Abstracts re Hope $0.50. Total $2.45. |  |

Printed form: To Hon. John Norquay I send the following papers with memo of fees: Deed re Hope $1.95

Abstract re same .50

Total 2.45

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| G 8699 | A - 1177 | May 20, 1882 | Letter | Marion, Jos. | Qu’Appelle, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N.'s assistance to procure a government situation in Qu'Appelle. |  |

Would you give me a government office in Q’uappelle?

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| G 8699 | A - 1178 | May 9, 1882 | Postcard | Matheson, Samuel P. St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Board of Governors of the  Ladies' School of Bishops Court. |  |

Meeting notice re board of governors of ladies’ school

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| G 8699 | A - 1179 | May 26, 1882 | Letter | Lewis, T.M. Secretary of the Board of Trade | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Copy of a resolution passed at a special meeting held that afternoon re: a Railway Bill. |  |

Copy of resolution passed at special mtg this afternoon:

“This Board earnestly protests against the course pursued by the Govt. in first agreeing with the representatives of this Board as to an amended Bill, then repudiating the arrangement they had come to, & subsequently introducing & forcing a bill which can only have the effect of preventing the building of local railways in this Province. …”

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| G 8699 | A - 1180 | May 27, 1882 | Letter | Dickson, Walter | Lake Francis, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he thinks a double rig could get through alright. Oak Point, Buffalo Lake Country on Lake Manitoba. |  |

“Dear Sir I have seen two individuals from Oak Point on Lake Manitoba since my return here, and they believe there would be no trouble in taking a double rig from there out to the Buffalo Lake country – and I would be disposed to think the same, as the REvd Mr Bruce passed through that part of the country two or three years ago with a light single rig and several horse and ox carts. When this can be done in a country that is mostly hard prairie a double rig should get along all right. Yours faithfully Walter Dickson

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| G 8699 | A - 1181 | May 5, 1882 | Letter | Cauchon, Joseph Lieutenant Governor | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Giving Mr. N. permission to lay before the Legislative Assembly all documents, reports and papers within the privilege of the House to ask. |  |

Government House letterhead, Cauchon’s own hand:

“Dear Sir Yes, you have my authority for laying before the legislature …all documents, reports & papers within the privilege of the House to ask.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1182 | March 22, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, W.T. | St. Margaret's Hope,  Scotland | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Alex Sinclair. |  |

Letterhead of Union Bank of Scotland, St Margaret’s Hope, handwritten neatly:

“Dear Sir Pardon me for troubling you in this manner….[introduces Alexander Sinclair, farm labourer – if you could “put the young man in the way of good employment….” [no personal note, reference to name, etc]

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| G 8699 | A - 1183 | May 16, 1882 | Letter | Rose, Henry, Chairman, Executive Council of Dominion Temp. Alliance | Minnedosa, Man. | Norquay, John | Complaining of Mr. Moses Elliott bringing liquor into  that place in large quantities. |  |

“Dear Sir I take the present opportunity to inform you that Mr Moses Elliott of this place is taking liberties with his ‘permit to obtain alcoholic liquor’ and has several times lately brought in large quantities of liquor and is disposing of it contrary to law. He is carrying on the matter in such manner through his permit that it is difficult to bring him to justice. These things we have good authority for but still our authority won’t make the same statement under oath. Our village has been the scene of several drunken rows of late. He openly states that he purposes bringing in a large quantity before the 24th inst. Can it not be stopped? … I ask as an officer of the Dom. Tem. Alliance if his permit cannot be cancelled. By so doing you will greatly oblige and will confer a favor upon suffering humanity in this place….”

Norquay’s annotation: “Acknowledge receipt of this & promise matter will be attended to. JN”

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| G 8699 | A - 1184 | May 11, 1882 | Postcard | Pinkham, W. Cyprian, Synod Office | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee of  Synod and Mission Board. |  |

Meeting notice, exec. Committee of synod & mission board

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| G 8699 | A - 1185 | May 18, 1882 | Postcard | Rowan, James H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. that the steamer Colvill will start from the north side of Louise Bridge on 20th inst. |  |

The steamer Colvile will start from the north side of Louise Bridge on Saturday 20th inst at 8 am sharp for Selkirk

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| G 8699 | A - 1186 | May 3, 1882 | Letter | Shelton, W.T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. he has been elected one of the  Financial Committee chosen for the purpose of getting up some sports on 24 May. |  |

A general meeting of the City Corps “for the institution of sports on the anniversary of Her Majesty’s birthday” – you were elected to finance committee – meeting on Saturday at 7:30 pm

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| G 8699 | A - 1187 | May 29, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. J.K. Oswald an old friend. |  |

Printed letterhead of Scarth, Cochran & Co, secretary’s hand, Scarth’s own signature:

Introducing J K Owswald, “an old and very intimate friend of mine, both in this country and in Scotland.” “It will please me greatly if you can give him some appointment.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1188 | May 31, 1882 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Benton, MT | Norquay, John | Re: Mines. |  |

Scrawl: “Dr Norquay I wis you to inform me what staps a man cood tak to hold any minerell out heair i have a coll [coal] seem [seam] out at Cypris Hills i think that it will be good in a few years if i cood hold it it is 12 feet depe and quit[e] a [? illegible] but i think that the whits ]whites] will get hold of it if i don’t take som staps in presiving [preserving] it. So i just thought of manching [mentioning] it to you this morning i am heair with one of your old frands Mr Muckele[Ma??] bying suplis [buying supplies] for the CPR i have not bin home for over a mont I rought [wrote] to you from Mapel farm som time ag [ago] i hope you have rescivd my leter I will be going back to Walsh in a few days In so saying you will gratly oblige your Hombl Sarvint James F. Sanderson”

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| G 8699 | A - 1189 | May 11, 1882 | Letter | Young, P.R. | Lower Fort Garry, Man. | Norquay, John | Informing Mr. N. he has been unable to find any deed or agreement from Tacitus Struthers to himself. |  |

“My dear Sir I have been unable to find any deed or agreement from Tacitus Struthers [?] to myself – but you will notice that the witnesses as well as myself made affidavit tht he sold the lot in question to me. As far as I can remember it was thought better at that time -- as Peguis title was recognized – to get a direct deed from Prince to me and not mind any deed from him to Struthers – and then from Struthers to me – thus making only one transfer.

It seems to me now it would be better to try if these papers would not do – rather than have Prince appear in the matter. Kindly let me know what you think about it.”

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| G 8699 | A - 1190 | May 5, 1882 | Letter | Young, Rev. D | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing Quit Claim Deed from himself to Mr. N. for Lot 61 St. Clements and Certified Copy of Tait and  Colclough for same lot in order to have patent issued. | No Enclosure |

“My dear Sir I enclose quit claim deed from me to you for Lot 61 St Clements & certified copy of Tait to Colcleugh for same lot in order to have the patent issued in your name. Yours very sincerely D Young

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| G 8699 | A - 1191 | May 26, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A. for Surveyor General | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Lot 61 St. Clements. | No Enclosure |

Acknowledge letter of 5th inst “making application for the issue of letters patent to yourself for Lot No 61 St Clements and enclosing the following documentary evidence in support of your claims

Viz deed Robt Wm Tait to Jas Colcleugh

Deed David Young to the Hon John Norquay”

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| G 8699 | A - 1192 | July 1882 | Invitation | Biggs, S.C., Secretary Law Society of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Requesting Mr. N.'s presence at the unveiling of the Chief Justice. |  |

Printed – re unveiling of portrait of Chief Justice on 11 July at 4:00 at Court House

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| G 8699 | A - 1193 | [No Date] | Letter | Young, D. | [No Location] | Bedson, S.L. | Will he take Mrs. Villers who is insane into the Penitentiary? Bedson note to Norquay on reverse. |  |

Young to Bedson [at Stony Mountain]: “My dear Bedson Mrs. Villiers is again very bad and I see no other course of managing her than by getting her out to you. I thought if you would write a note inviting her out to spend a week or two she would be delighted to go and she could be driven out by me or some one else. It would not be very pleasant for any of those interested to have to follow the usual course. Telegraph me if you will take her on that footing. She is not very violent but rather troublesome – wandering off, &tc

Yrs sincerely D Young

Bedson on back of letter: “My dear Norquay as this is out of the ordinary course, will I act as requested. Kindly let me know by telephone & only it. Any news yet?

Sincerely yrs S L Bedson”

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| G 8699 | A - 1194 | July 11, 1882 | Letter | Boomer, Harriet A. | London, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Godwin. |  |

Introduces H. Godwin, a young friend, who was advised by Shanley to go to Wpg. Please introduce him “to Mr Tait and to any of my own old Red River friends who may like to hear of us all…. It was very pleasant to us to have had a little visit from Mr. Tait & yourself, reviving old recollections & hearing of old friends,….”

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| G 8699 | A - 1195 | Feb. 13, 1882 | Letter | Attwood, P.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | The incorporation of the G.N.W. Loan Co. |  |

Atty General will forward to you tonight our petition to incorporate the Great North West Loan and Building Society. I understand that Council refused to pass the petition some days ago on the ground that the company might be turned into a landed monopoly and injure the country. “Now I am too good a Conservative to speak lightly of any public official without first having grave cause to do so but in this case I must say that it was the duty of the Attorney General to have made himself acquainted with the object of the Company and the provisions of the joint stock company act before recommending the Council to refuse the petition but it is evident he has done neither one nor the other….”

Please issue the letters patent….

“As I propose to make this letter a strictly private one I beg to ask your private opinion respecting Selkirk. I have felt for some time past that at some future time it must be a good place and having a little cash at my disposal I would like to place it to the best advantage. Do you think Selkirk a safe place to invest?”

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| G 8699 | A - 1196 | Feb. 6, 1882 | Letter | Campbell, A. Minister of Justice | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Honourable D.M. Walker and the County Court Judgeship appointment. | Torn |

“Dear Mr Norquay I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Saturday enclosing Mr Walker’s note to you of the 30th on the subject of the county court judgeship in Manitoba. I will not fail to submit to my colleagues when the appointment comes to be made the wish expressed by you in favour of the appointment of Mr Walker, as well as the expression of his own anxiety to have the appointment, and make no doubt that they will receive every consideration. Faithfully yours, A Campbell [secretary’s hand, his signature]

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| G 8699 | A - 1197 | Feby 4, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H D | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to secure him a copy of the following maps: viz Parishes of St. John, St. Andrews and St. Peters. |  |

To Norquay, then in Russell House, Ottawa, printed letterhead of Hamilton Provident Loan Society [see 1199 below]:

In writing you this morning, I forgot to ask for copies of maps for parish of St Johns, St Andrews, St Clements, and St Peters – please have them forwarded to me, with charges noted, and I’ll remit to you …

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| G 8699 | A - 1198 | Feb. 10, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, A.D. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Hyman lands. | No Enclosure |

Letterhead of A.D. Cameron, Barrister and Solicitor [brother of above HD Cameron]

“Re Hyman Lands: Enclosed find memo of the lands in St Peters Parish claimed by the Hyman Estate. The evidences of title are complete except that the parties purchased from claimed the benefit of the government annuities paid to Indians and that they were Indians and the property being on the Indian reserve no title could be given by them to those purchasing from them. At the time of the sale they did not claim to be Indians but subsequent to that event they did. Yours &c, A D Cameron”

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| G 8699 | A - 1199 | Feb. 4, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, H.D. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging draft for $360.00 and other Real Estate matters. |  |

“My dear Mr Norquay Your draft is duly received for $360.00 Lot 37 St Clements has been sold for $30,000! 82 acres

A copy of the will of Mr Hyman will be sent you altho’ a copy is on record in Winnipeg.

I have instructed my brother, the barrister to send you a list of the St Peter’s Parish lands.

What will you give for say a half interest in these lands, the estate holding the other half on the understanding that you would use your influence to make the Titles good?

If you think well of this drop me a note saying what you will do.

Glad to hear you are better of your rheumatism. You will be able to preach well now.

By the way, Grip has caught you, but a mighty poor likeness!

Truly yours, H.D. Cameron”

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| G 8700 | A - 1201 | Feb. 11, 1882 | Letter | Greenway, Thomas | London, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging favor of the 9th inst. re the removal of some official. |  |

JN in Ottawa: “Dear Norquay I have your kind favor of the 9th inst and wired you at once – as I’ve learned that such an order as the one mentioned has actually been issued. I think you can appreciate my feelings upon the subject - to remove the office now that it is located there, would be a very serious damage to me just at this time – hoping that something may yet be done to prevent it. I am Yours very truly, Thos Greenway”

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| G 8700 | A - 1202 | Feb. 14, 1882 | Letter | Howard, Rice M., Executive Council Chamber | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Letter to Mr. N. at Ottawa. Enclosing account of  expenses re transport of an insane Indian from Rat Portage and also a memorial of the Board of Education relating to the sale of certain school lands. His Honour Lieutenant-Governor not being in the Province. | No Enclosures |

Encloses correspondence re transport of an insane Indian from Rat Portage – Atty Genl won’t pay, asks that Dept find solution. Also Board of Education memorial re sale of school lands, since Lt Gov not in province and the matter is of importance….

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| G 8700 | A - 1203 | Feb. 2, 1882 | Letter | Howard, Rice M. Exec Council | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To Mr. N. at Ottawa re Real Estate matters. |  |

“My dear Norquay Yours of 26 ult to hand, by this time you have received my yarn of the 24th; I have just left S.L.B. who shewed me your letter from which he argues that when he offered Monkman the money we paid him I was justified in destroying the deeds of course I could not and do not agree with him I again told him that he was welcome to a quit claim of the property upon his guaranteeing us our portion – why should we be out of pocket Bedson makes a very good thing & I cannot understand why he begrudges us a share At any rate – very few chances fall to my lot and if I make a thousand & you two in this transaction I think we have a right to it. I will do all I can to get R [illegible: Paghns?] lot or any other & for yourself alone were it not understood that I was to have a ½ share in 61 I would not have claimed it. Sorry you did not answer my telegrams – lot 37 sold for $40,000. Yrs sincerely Rice W. Howard”

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| G 8700 | A - 1204 | Aug. 5, 1882 | Letter | Mitchell, P. | Montreal, QC | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Richard Davidson. |  |

Printed letterhead, St James Street: Richard Davidson goes to settle in NW, “and I would take it as a favor if you would do what you can to get him some employment.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1207 | Feb. 1, 1882 | Letter | Machar, J.M. [Lawyer] | Kingston, Ont. | Norquay, John | Real Estate matters. |  |

Printed letterhead, handwritten: “Dear Mr Norquay Many thanks for your attention in answering my letter. My land at Selkirk is N ½ of lot 34 St Clements, fronting on Sugar Point – 3 ch wide x 4 miles (117 acres)

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| G 8700 | A - 1208 | 1879 | Extract |  | [No Location] |  | Copy of application for mining locations on Hay Island, Lake of the Woods. |  |

**Copy of extract** – “Applications for Mining Locations on Hay Island Lake of the Woods”

Three are listed:

1 James Cooper, William Murdock, Stephen Knight of Wpg 27 Oct 1879 – sketch sets out claim

2 Stephen Knight, William Murdock, James Cooper, Andrew Lowry, James McCallum, Alexander McFadyen, and Martin Sherlock of Wpg 27 Nov 1879 – 346 acres

3 George Heenan Wpg on behalf of Lockwood and Heenan 2 Dec 1879 – same part as #2

4 other applications made later but they do not interfere with the earlier claims

Lindsay Russell, Surveyor General

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| G 8700 | A - 1209 | Feb. 21, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A.,  for the Surveyor-General | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of the 6th inst. making  application for letters patent for lot No. 7, St. Peters. |  |

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6 Feb “making application for letters patent for lot No 7 St Peter Man. And enclosing in support of your application a copy of the Will of the late Ellis W. [N?] Hyman, Transfer from H.D. Cameron et al and an abstract of the Registrar.” [addressed to JN in Ottawa]

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| G 8700 | A - 1210 | April 12, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A., for the Surveyor-General | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging receipt of letter of 27th ult. in behalf of Mr. John Lawther. |  |

Acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 March, “In behalf of Mr John Lowther, who applied for certain grazing lands in the Shell River District”

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| G 8700 | A - 1210 (2 docs.with same #s) | Feb. 8, 1882 | Letter | Farrell, Mr., of  N.B.C.I. Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Stating he has purchased Section 1.7 in one of the disputed Townships and asking Mr. N. to help him out of his difficulty. |  |

Letterhead: North British Canadian Investment Co. Toronto

My dear Mr Norquay I have purchased one section of land in 1.7, one of the disputed townships in which the Govt say their Agent Landerkin exceeded their instructions or his instructions at all events, although the agents official receipt has been issued, the title seems imperfect on this account. Can I trouble you to make enquiries on this point for me. We have bought out Scarth Foy & Morris re Darlingford. I hope you will approve, there was no time to correspond with you. I think we are right but no one can tell, very faithfully yours [?N M Farrell?]

**Annotations on back:** **JN hand:** “From whom did you buy in 1.7 if not from Landerkin Fisher Beach or Armstrong claims good –

**Another hand:** Affidavit to show Wm Tate died intestate that widow & children are legal heirs conveyance of widow & children to Col Bedson & Norquay

quit claim of others to Bedson, Norquay

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| G 8700 | A - 1211 | Feb. 20, 1882 | Letter |  | Rosser, Thomas L., Chief Engineer, C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Different town sites. | 3 pp. |

Letterhead, neat hand

“My dear Mr Norquay I wrote you sometime ago that I was trying to secure the land between Garfield and Reaburn, as I believed the station would be located between them. It is now pretty well settled that it will go on the SW ¼ of Sec 6 – and I have secured the whole of sec 1 and the arrangement is that I and my friend get half in the event of the country town being put there. I start west tomorrow to be absent three weeks and thought before starting I would let you know how things stood. I have resigned, but that fact will not interfere with our arrangements. Ex mayor Conklin is the party with whom I am dealing and I have had a survey made and a plan is now being prepared for registration and the town will be called “Marquette” and we expect an order will be issued very soon changing the station and as soon as this is done, we will come forward with our plans

[sketch of sections, Reaburn, present site of Garfield, old road now abandoned, proposed site of Garfield and “our property” in hashmarks.]

and there will be no difficulty in putting things as we want them.

The old highway which is now abandoned, runs up through sec 2 but the one which is used runs through the center of six, but it should run on the road allowance between 6 and 1 and the town should be on 1 and will be there – The R.R. Co. may call the place Garfield, but as Garfield is dead in more ways than one, I think it best to change it to the name of the County, and call it ‘Marquette.’ Our Darlingford matter is all right – as soon as I return from the west I will hand you the deed to Marquette and I hope you will say nothing about it till that is done. Hold the deed first. Yours truly

Thos. L. Rosser

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| G 8700 | A - 1212 | Feb. 22, 1882 | Letter | Rykart, J.C., House of Commons | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Peter McCauley of St. Catherines, a  barrister. |  |

Introduces friend Peter McAulay of St Catherines, “a barrister of our city and a gentleman in high standing… he was the last candidate for the Local. Any attention you can show him will be appreciated by Yours faithfully, J P Rykert”

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| G 8700 | A - 1213 | Aug. 15, 1882 | Letter | Saunders, Bernard | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating parcel of dry goods has been sent. Also other private matters. |  |

Handwritten, printed letterhead – injunction, family greetings, odd political reference:

“Dear Norquay” -- sends two packages, coat and trousers, “when you get them lay coat over a chair t& hang up Trousers & Wcoat & the creases will drop out….”

“So they are going to try to throw you well it won’t be a fair square fall if they catch you, and, if they try a Cross Buttock just draw in & throw them on their bean ends, I see they talk of sending you Mousseau what a team you & he would make on Main Street….

Mrs. Saunders I am sorry to say is not very well all the girls are well – I hope Mrs Norquay & family are well is Horace to come down again Convey my kind regards….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1214 | Feb. 7, 1882 | Letter | Rickards, Charles D. | City (Winnipeg) | Bedson, S.L. | Re: Lot 50 and 51, St. Peters. Bedson's note to  Norquay on reverse. |  |

Printed letterhead, Dominion Lands Office Wpg: Rickards to Bedson, and Bedson to JN on reverse:

“Dear Bedson: I received the note this morning….it was re Lot 50 & 51 Saint Peter’s. I can find no trace of your name. The original claimant to Lot 50 is Andrew Spence, & to 51 is Thomas Bear. No patent has as yet been applied for. Is there a boom in St. Peter’s? I think it is almost time I made a strike somewhere? Hoping you are well, Believe me to remain Yours very faithfully Charles D. Rickards”

Annotation at bottom: “My dear Norquay I cannot now lay my hand on the abstract for lot 50 I forget whether I own 10 or 6 chains. You can see when you next go to St Andrews. I will transfer all to you for purpose of getting the Patent & you can then re-transfer the half to me. I have 3 chains at east Selkirk not yet patented. Will also divide if you can get Patent. Bannatyne has the adjoining 3 chains. See him – S L B.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1215 (a) | Feb. 13, 1882 | Letter | Farrell, Mr. | City (Winnipeg) | Foy, James J. | Enclosing document for signature. By Foy & Norquay. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1215 (b) | Feb. 22, 1882 | Letter | Foy, James J. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Enclosing document for signature. |  |

Printed letterhead of North British Canadian Investment Co ***Winnipeg Agency***

1. Farrell to Foy: encloses a document for signature by yourself and Mr Norquay “It speaks for itself. My company merely want your consent to discharge.” Forward to JN in Ottawa, ask him to send it to me
2. Foy & J Stewart Tupper, barristers, Toronto

“My dear Norquay I send you letter of S. W. Farrell & a document he wishes you & me to sign. Is it allright? If so please sign & return to me. Yrs faithfully JJ Foy

[JN is in Ottawa]

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| G 8700 | A - 1216 | Feb. 14, 1882 |  | Farrell, Mr. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. |  |

JN in Ottawa, Winnipeg agency of NBCIC:

“My dear Mr Norquay We have everything in ship shape re ‘Darlingford’, with the single exception of McTavish who says they will wait for the snow to go and then arrange matters. I hope you have enough influence to make him right, and when you return, we can manage as to how he can be best dealt with, probably through his friendship for you. If he is right, we have enough for the balance of our time. Ruttan and myself are Trustees, pro. Tem. Better not have your name appear. We have just six in now, & Ross says he will guarantee to sell $150,000 the week the station is secured. We have a grand plan, it looks well & we have registered one to keep others out, as we have control now free from Toronto we are moving. We want every government building we can get, and Ross says we are to go on from this time just as if the station was quite sure – and build, and help to build, we are arranging for the wood for brick and we have some applications in for building sites. I hope that petition for drainage of the lake will come in, for on the new plan the River looks grand if there was some water in it. Mr. Bannatyne has returned Ashdown’s corner some 50 feet Main ST & Portage Ave Just sold for $100,000 – all cracked Very sincerely yours [xx?] Farrell

[JN in Ottawa]

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| G 8700 | A - 1217 | 1882 | Letter | Drummond, C.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Hay. | 2 pp. |

Dear Mr Norquay I gave permission to Mr. Thos Slater to cut the hay but I should suppose that he would allow me to do the same for you. I enclose you a letter for him….”

Enclosure: to Thos Slater “Dear Sir: Mr. Norquay is desirous of obtaining some hay from Marchment [?] Would you be good enough to let him cut a few tons – if it does not interfere with the promise made to you which I suppose it will not. Yours C S Drummond

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| G 8700 | A - 1221 | 1882 | Solicitation |  | St. Peter's Parish |  | Prayer in favor of Rev. B. McKenzie re: horse. |  |

Odd little request for donations toward a horse for Rev. B. McKenzie, pastor at St Peter’s

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| G 8700 | A - 1222 | 1882 | Map | Dominion Lands Office | Ottawa |  | Manitoba. Before expansion. Township Diagram | Poor Condition |

MB before bdy extension – interesting – photocopy

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| G 8700 | A - 1223 | 1882 | Brochure | Fraser & Chalmer's | New York City |  | Crushing silver mills. |  |

Printed brochure advertising mill, mine, and concentrating machinery

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| G 8700 | A - 1224 | July 29, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Provincial Conservative Convention | [No Location] |  | Notice of a September meeting 21st, 1882. |  |

Printed brochure dated 31 July 1882, “Call for a provincial Conservative Convention” 21-2 September in Winnipeg, to 300 delegates, or 10 from each riding, signed by Norquay, Thos Scott MP, J Royal MP, Amos Rowe, and written by C R Tuttle on behalf of the committee, “for the purpose of adopting a policy and organizing preparatory to the general Provincial elections.”

“It has all along been pretty well understood that the Provincial Elections would follow close upon the Dominion Elections, and that the contest would partake largely of Dominion party lines as well as Provincial issues. Hitherto the Government of the Province has been carried on upon a policy of purely local issues; hence, so far as Provincial lpolitics are concerned, the Conservative party in Manitoba is wholly without organization. The duty of the hour is, therefore, twofold:1st, to agree upon a general policy, and 2nd, to organize thoroughly in each electoral division in order to carry that policy at the polls.”

Thus the call for a convention. “please elect ten delegates and ten substitutes….”

“Delegates are not asked to meet in Convention to have a policy crammed down their throats. They will number nearly thirty to one as against Winnipeg, and they are asked to adopt a policy of their own making.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1225 | Jan. 6, 1882 | Receipt | Hingston Smith and Co., J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $3.00. |  |

Gunsmith – bill – re 26 Aug – cartridge cases and repairing gun lock - $3.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1226 | July 8, 1882 | Railway Pass | Canadian Pacific Railway | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Mr. Howard and his family. | Envelope |

Letter to JN, containing a pass for “R. Howard, wife, nurse & children” one trip from St Vincent to Wpg., valid until 30 Sept. – never used.

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| G 8700 | A - 1227 | July 12, 1882 | Letter | Fairbanks, J.G., Deputy Registrar | Meadow Lea, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: John Hope. |  |

To JN: Re John Hope: “There are no registrations in favour of John Hope in our office.” Address Pierre Lavallee in Municipalities of ST FX and Belcourt – “he would likely be able to furnish all informations necessary.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1228 | July 14, 1882 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas, Secretary Chamber of Commerce | Duluth, Minn. | Norquay, John | Enclosing circular which has been sent to Board of Trades and asking Mr. N. to be present at their meeting and if unable to favor them with his views. | No  Enclosure |

Invitation to JN and to boards of trade to attend convention – your attendance and “your views on the subject” welcome [no other hint]

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| G 8700 | A - 1229 | July 7, 1882 | Meeting Notice | Burrows, Acton, Secretary and Treasurer, Selkirk Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Annual meeting on the 19 July and stating that dues must be paid before that date in order to enable members to vote. |  |

Printed circular – AGM of the Selkirk Club at the “Club House” on Wed 19 July at 7:30. To vote, members must have paid their subscriptions.

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| G 8700 | A - 1230 | July 3, 1882 | Letter | Burrows, Acton Dept. of Agriculture | City (Winnipeg) | Spencer, G.B. | Copy and reply re various articles free of duty. |  |

Dept of Agricluture letterhead, Burrows to G.B. Spencer – plese send a copy of the last order in council on what articles can be admitted tdo MB free of duty -- coal? Wood for fuel?

Reply: coal not free, but cordwood for fuel is free.

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| G 8700 | A - 1231 | July 29, 1882 | Letter | Brandon, Liversedge | Birtle, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing handkerchief which Mr. N. left at his house. Also applying for the position of Bailiff for the County of Shoal Lake. | No Enclosure |

“Sir: Last fall when you stopped over night at my house, between Birtle and Shoal Lake you left a Pocket Hankerchief [sic], which you will find enclosed. …You told me to let you know if you could do anything for me, and you would if possible.” – is the bailiff office for County of Shoal Lake open?

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| G 8700 | A - 1232 | July 10, 1882 | Letter | Bain, A., Scottish, Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Pruden, Wm. | Referring him to Mr. N. for money. |  |

32 Toronto St, Winnipeg agency – Bain to Wm Pruden, Selkirk:

“My dear Sir: Like other real estate men in town just now I am hard up & I cannot get any more money from the banks. Mr Norquay however is back & he could fix the thing for you if you wrote him. Yours etc. A Bain”

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| G 8700 | A - 1233 (a) | July 31, 1882 | Letter | Allan, John, Secretary | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing voucher for 2500 shares of Keewatin Mining Co. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1233 (b) | July 3, 1882 | Voucher | Keewatin Mining Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | 2500 shares in company. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1233 (c) | Aug. 10, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Allan, John | Returning voucher & refusing to have anything to do with the company. |  |

1. “Dear Sir: Enclosed please find vouchr for your allotment of stock (2500 shares) in the Keewatin Mining Co. Ltd). As previously informed, there is a nominal sum to be paid for same, to wit 1%, which aggregates $250.00. By paying the same into the treasury of the KMC, you will greatly oblige, yours respectfully John Allan Treas.
2. Voucher, for 2500 shares, fully paid stock, at $10 face value
3. Norquay’s reply:

“My dear Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 3 July 1882 which I received yesterday enclosing voucher for 2000 shares…. And in reply to inform you that I positively decline to have anything to do with the enterprise as this is the first official intimation I have received of having my name connected with the enterprise which I declined having anthing to do do with when proposed to me verbally. I trust you will see that my name if erased from any official paper of your Company’s as the same may only be misleading to the public. J Norquay

I enclose voucher sent me. JN”

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| G 8700 | A - 1234 | July 5, 1882 | Letter | Boulton, C.A. | Shell River MB  . | Norquay, John | Re: Election Matters. |  |

“My dear Norquay Out of 97 votes polled here yesterday we managed to score a majority of one, Silver Creek turned out en masse determined to win. Billy Smith was up here & got over a good many of the Portage men who are settled here, & the land policy was used with a good deal of effect, & McDonald being so far away caused a good deal of lukewarmness. However I am thankful we have established a character for being a conservative settlement though a poor one at that. I hope things have fared well with us in the province. We shall not hear for some days. In McDonald’s absence Fort Ellice I am afraid will not tell so well. Leacock’s chances up here are good I think for the local. I hear that I have been gazetted to the Registrarship, which is a source of great satisfaction to me and Mrs. Boulton, and for which you have earned our gratitude. I shall await instructions from the Government before making any move. I was glad to see that the Govt had been returned so strong again, and I hope the same success awaits you when your elections come off. With kind regards, believe me, Yours very truly, C.A. Boulton

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| G 8700 | A - 1235 | Nov. 20, 1882 | Letter | Whaley, Matthew | Rossburn, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

“Dear Sir …i am well pleased at the stand you have taken in provincial politics I might say that the Reformers are organizing Strong they are determined to defeat the Norquay Government but they have no doubt you are aware that a split was created in the Concervitive Party at the last election as Mr. E.P. Leacock ignored the party lines and a number of strong party men would not vote for him….

We have an old Pretender friend of you’re here Mr Gerrard who allways pretended to be a Norquay man until lately but is now a Milk & watter independent….”

Let me know if I can help in the election – I’m running for another term as councillor in the municipal election

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| G 8700 | A - 1236 | Nov. 24, 1882 | Letter | Wilson, D.H. | Nelson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Appointment of Returning Officer. | No Cover |

Printed letterhead Registry Office, County of Dufferin, MB Nelson MB

“Kindly appoint Herbert Inman returning officer for the electoral division of Dufferin North”

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| G 8700 | A - 1238 | Nov. 21, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.F. | Virden, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

Scarth hears that local riding will be part of Brandon – better to send a member from here alone “as I think this county is all right. The Pipestone is settled with Orangemen and they will give a straight vote. The northern part is settled with mostly imported Scotch, they will mostly go against us, but taking the whole county I feel pretty certain that we are solid.

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| G 8700 | A - 1239 | Nov. 10, 1882 | Letter | Russell, A. for Surveyor General | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Coal Mine. [lease] | No Cover |

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 31 Oct, “applying for a coal mining lease of the South half of Section 29, in Township 12, Range 6 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the North West Territories, and in reply to inform you that the ground in question is covered by prior application.”

To JN c/o R.M. Howard Barrister, Wpg

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| G 8700 | A - 1240 | Oct. 1882 | Premium  Notice | Ramsay, W.R. | Montreal | Norquay, John | Standard Life Assurance Co. Insurance Policy. | No Cover |

Insurance, Standard Life Assurance, Mtl

Premium of $37.10 due on 4 Nov, and last day for payment is 4 Dec. [Lewis & Kirby Wpg agents]

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| G 8700 | A - 1241 | Nov. 15, 1882 | Letter | Sansom, C.W.H.,office of Chief Engineer, C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Loan of Plan, Lot 61 St. Clements. | No Cover |

“Sir Upon searching the registry office of St Andrews, I do not find plan of subdivision of part of lot 61 St Clements, which I understand you own, should you have such plan in your possession will you kindly let me have the use of it for a few days, to complete our map.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1242 | Nov. 14, 1882 | Invitation | Alexander, H.E. | Rat Portage, Man. ON?[not specified] |  | Re: Masonic Ball 24 November. | No Cover |

Printed notice:First annual ball, Rideout House, under auspices of Pequonga Lodge, A F & AM, GRM “Dancing to commence at 8:30 …. Members of the Craft will please appear in regalia”

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| G 8700 | A - 1243 | Nov. 1, 1882 | Letter | Stewart, A. | Cartwright, Man. | Norquay, John | Remittance for marriage licenses issued. | No Cover |

Sends $8 for 2 marriage licenses issued – to Provl Treasurer

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| G 8700 | A - 1244 | July 12, 1882 | Letter | Heintzman and Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Whereabouts of Setters piano. | No Cover |

Re your telegram of yesterday – we enclose duplicate of invoice ordered by you for J J Setter. His letter surprised us – not yet received the piano – we don’t know where it has been – almost 4 months on the road, during the cold and wet weather – won’t be in tune – let us know how you find it.

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| G 8700 | A - 1245 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Insurance  Policy | North American Life  Assurance Co. | Toronto | Norquay, John | Policy for $2000.00. Premium $138.30 per year. | Policy,  receipt and envelope. No Cover |

Big fancy document, with seal.

$2000 policy, for 14 years, premium of 138.30, on life of Hon John Norquay, – term of endowment 15 payments – premium is payable 20 Nov, each year – will pay to JN or his wife, Elizabeth

He paid first installment in 1882 – receipt.

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| G 8700 | A - 1246 | [No Date] | Memo |  | [No Location] |  | Re: Hallam, Sr. and Jr. and land. | No Cover |

Just a half-page of good paper, on which one side records “Memo re Hallam” and the office document #1246, and on the other side, in handwriting that could be JN’s,

“Henry Hallam Sr

Henry Hallam Jr

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| G 8700 | A - 1247 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Letter | McDonald, Edward | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

Printed letterhead of Marquette Flouring Mills, Portage la Prairie: [sic]

“Dear Sir I wrote you last week to which I have had no reply. Kindly let me know if it is the intention of yourself and your goverment to dissolve the House now & go to the country if you take my advice do not do so I would show Scott & co that I was master of the situation for another year at least and I would introduce such Legislation that the House nor the country could not go Back on and take the wind out of those men who are blowing so much. Hoping to here from you soon I Remain, yours truly E. McDonald

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| G 8700 | A - 1248 | Nov. 30, 1882 | Letter | McDonald, Edward | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

“Dear friend Yours of the 28th to Hand you do not say wether you are going to appeal to the country or not your friends here wish to know as soon as posable in this Riding the Conservatives will have to talk against Disalowance Just as you feel to take the wind of Martin Watson & co. I think Mr Collins has had enugh of claptrap to do him for a season at least. I still believe you should not dissolve the house but call them together as nere the regular time as posable and do all that the country demands none of the members durst go back of re-enactment and applying to the Home government in the matter and by the time that you know you will have taken the wind out of Greenway’s sails do not give him or his frends the chance to do what you & your government intend to do & satisfy the people of the Provance any other course on your part would be in my opinon and that of your frends here would be a deat blow to your government at a meeting last night we desided not to bring a candidate ntill we knew wether you were going to the country or not I do Beleave that the People here has more respect for thel;mselves then to elect Martin – We meet next Thursday again Kindly answer as soon as Posable. I Remain yours truly

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| G 8700 | A - 1249 | Nov. 24, 1882 | Letter | McMicken, A. | City (Winnipeg) | Brown, C.P. | Re: Park fencing. | No Cover |

Letterhead of Dept of Provincial Secretary to C.P. Brown Minister Public Works: re Park Fencing:

“Sir I notice that the cheque tendered me for the portion of Fence amounted to $100 less than I expected….” Cost of entry of pile drivers and large timbers, removing dirt from excavation …. “should in a business point of view have some consideration from the government.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1250 | Nov. 26, 1882 | Letter | McKenzie, Rev. B. | St. Peters Parsonage | Norquay, John | Re: Vital Statistics. | No Cover |

“My dear Friend You will perhaps remember that I at one time spoke to you on the subject of Vital Statistics when I asked you what was expected of clergymen & you answered that all required of them was to note down all the particulars noted down in our Church Register. I find, however, that much more is demanded judging from the “slips” sent to me by the Divn Registrar, &, you know, this entails a good deal of trouble. I have not reckoned up but I am pretty sure I have sent in something like a hundred to the aforesaid gent. Many of them going back beyond the time of first delivery to me of the above mentined slips or forms & indeed some of them extending back to Mr Cook’s time. Now as my flock scatters hither & thither, you may readily conceive I was somewhat put about to gather up the required information & after gathering up what I could of those in the place, had to wait till treaty-payment-time to fish up the rest. I spent two or three days myself & paid a man some [illegible] to help me besides. Now I say this is real labor & no mistake, and you will, no doubt agree with me in saying labor should be paid. I ask myself – does the Government pay anything for this or are we simply to bite our nails over it? Now I don’t want you to be laughing at me but tell me squarely if there is to be anything for me out of the public exchequer on the head of this matter? You will greatly oblige.

We have been having quite a time with the measles in our house lately – all my children took the measles again although they had it in the spring. None of them were down with it at one time, but I am thankful to add they have all recovered or pretty nearly. My granddaughter only a month old is now under it – doing well however, so far.

Hoping you & your family are all well, I remain Yours sincerely B. McKenzie

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| G 8700 | A - 1251 | Nov. 13, 1882 | Letter | McKenzie, Rev. B. | St. Peters Parsonage | Norquay, John | Thanks for favour. | No Cover |

Note: “re: Thanks for favour”

“My dear Friend I called twice at your office lately….” Failed to see you “so I had to come away without making you any acknowledgment for your very disinterested kindness, with little aid from others, I fancy, in raising a contribution towards the purchase of a horse for my especial benefit in parish labours etc. As a native pastor, I can hardly tell you how highly I appreciate the expression of kindly interest in myself & my labours which you have given me & you will pardon me for saying that I feel proud of countrymen who show sympathy in this way to the Native Clergy, as hard lines are measured out to them from other quarters. You see I hold to this & it is a common sense view of things – that if we wish to foster the love of country in our people & make patriots of them & otherwise general benefactors of their race we must see to it that they get as good a share of all the good that is to be had in the country as well as foreigners & in-comers Hence I have no sympathy whatever with the distinction that has been kept up by the C.M.S. between native & European clergy – nor do I at all approve of ordaining men after a few months stay only at College – which procedure, be it kept in mind, gives colour to any defence that might be made in favour of keeping up the aforesaid distinction. Happily, however, times are changing, & there are signs that such a short sighted policy is losing its hold upon men’s minds in this country, at least, and the educational triumphs achieved through the untiring efforts of our good Bishop, will soon sweep the offence away out of sight. With many thanks for your kind gift. I remain, yrs sincerely, B. McKenzie”

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| G 8700 | A - 1252 | Nov. 9, 1882 | Letter | Morgan, J. | Wellesley, Ont. | Norquay, John | Disallowance affairs. Note by Norquay for reply. | No Cover |

John Morgan suggests how to break the disallowance and the CPR monopoly – “your struggles for provincial autonomy…” – involving three-pronged strategy:

JN annotation on letter: “Acknowledge receipt & thank him for his suggestions & answer him that the fight will be determined before very long & in a manner upholding Provincial rights. JN”

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| G 8700 | A - 1253 | [No Date] | Memo |  | [No Location] |  | Re: Land. | No Cover |

On one side: “Rev R. Young to be issuer of marriage licenses”

Other side: “See Mr. Benson about school section to be placed on the market --

Terms of sale 128,000….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1254 | Nov. 3, 1882 | Letter | Hunson, D. [?] | Nelson, Man. | Norquay, John | Revision of voters list. Question to W.D. Ardagh re provisions in Act. |  |

“re: revision of voters list”

Letter itself says: “Dear Sir I would request that in North Dufferin the Court of Revision be held before an election takes place. There are many Conservative votes which I wish to have placed on the list and who have been left off by a grit assessor.”

Action: “Private: [illegible] to that there is no such provision in the statute”

Annotated by JN: “Private: Is there provision in the statute for a special court to compass the object of writer’s letter J Norquay [sgd] A.D. Ardagh”

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| G 8700 | A - 1255 | Nov. 17, 1882 | Letter | Leacock, Ed. P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Captain Richardson. | No Cover |

Letterhead of Portage, Westbourne and North-Western Railway, Secretary’s Office [Leacock is Sec-Treas] “Dear Mr. Norquay Capt. Richardson who comes from Birtle will give you this. Kindly meet his views if you can by giving him some writing. I think writs being prepared etc. might perhaps give a chance of this. Yrs. Ever Ed. P. Leacock”

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| G 8700 | A - 1256 | [No Date] | Notice of Meeting | Leacock, Ed. P. | City (Winnipeg) |  | Re: Map of County of Shoal Lake subdivision. | No Cover |

Map of county of Shoal Lake – r 13-18 incl, twp 23-29 incl – mail views re country to Beulah Post Office by 15 Nov – sgd Ed. P. Leacock

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| G 8700 | A - 1257 | Nov. 1882 | Invitation | Masonic Landmark  Lodge | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Festival 21 November 1882. | No Cover |

Handwritten scribble – Ancient Landmark Lodge A F & AM invite JN “(and Lady)” to a festival on Monday evening 21 Nov 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1258 | Nov. 14, 1882 | Letter & Resolution | Jackson, J.W., Clerk | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Copy of resolution of Council of Municipality. Re:  Registration fees. | No Cover |

Portage County Municipality requests “whatever sum the Local Government may feel disposed to return to the Municipality of Portage on account of Registration fees….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1259 | Nov. 26, 1882 | Letter | Knight, D.F. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Acknowledging letter. | No Cover |

Dear Sir I received your favour of the 20th inst and I hope to be in position in a very few days to pay up for the lots and reap the advantage of your kind offer.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1260 | Nov. 29, 1882 | Letter | Jukes, Mark | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Vital Statistics. For Parish of High Bluff & Poplar Point. | No Cover |

“Dear Sir About the month of November in last year I left at your office the voutchers respecting the vital statistics for the Parish of High Bluff for the year 1879 for the parish of Poplar Point for 1880 & for High Bluff for 1880. Under the date of Dec 3d 1881 I received from you fees to the extent of $4. Which cover the voutchers for the year 1880 would you kindly forward me the fee for the year 1879 say $2….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1261 | [No Date] | Circular | Howard, Rice M. Clerk, Executive Council |  | Clerks of Municipalities | Duties of Clerks of Municipalities regarding the Return of Voters' Lists to the Clerk of the Executive Council. | No Cover |

Howard, as Clerk, issues printed page of instructions for municipal clerks re preparation of voters’ lists for municipal elections, and for legislative elections. [cf statutes of 1881]

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| G 8700 | A - 1262 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Printed Notice | E.F. Gigot | St. Francois Xavier, Man. |  | Nomination Papers [of Edward F. Gigot]. In English and French. | No Cover |

Fancy printed notice – part is request from over 60 electors that Edward F. Gigot should run in St FX, and the second half is Gigot’s reply, dated 4 Dec 1882, accepting, saying he is “Liberal-Conservative” in politics, that the CPR contract should be adhered to, that he is “strongly averse to permitting any diversion of Canadian traffic from a Canadian line to the United States….”

He will “most strenuously oppose any attempt to abolish the official use of the French language.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1263 | Nov. 13, 1882 | Letter | Hay, Charles | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Resolution at public meeting. [Notes for reply, JN] | No Cover |

Public meeting at PLP on 7th inst – resolution passed: “That this meeting…request the Premier to convene the provincial Parliament without delay for the special purpose of protesting against the action of the Dominion government in disallowing the Emerson and NorthWestern Railway charter and the General Railway act of this province and to re-enact those acts” Also signed by Jas Cowan MPP for PLP

JN annotation: “Acknowledge the receipt & inform of receipt of letter only today also that Govt feel bound to submit question to people before re-enacting measures referred to. JN”

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| G 8700 | A - 1264 | Nov. 13, 1882 | Letter | Gurney, M.H., Registrar | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Registry Offices Exchange. | No Cover |

No – “I am sorry not to see my way clear to comply with your wishes.” – ie to exchange office with Martin McDonald, the registar for the county. [Gurney is Brandon City registrar.]

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| G 8700 | A - 1265 | Nov. 14, 1882 | Letter | Greenway, Thomas | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Political meeting at Portage la Prairie. | No Cover |

Stationery of Queen’s Hotel, Wpg: “Dear Norquay I have today accepted an invitation to adress [sic] a public meeting at Portage la Prairie on Thursday evening next. Should be pleased if you could make it convenient to be present.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1266 | Nov. 17, 1882 | Letter | Greenway, Thomas | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Political meetings. | No Cover |

“Dear Norquay Was sorry to learn that it was impossible for you to be present at our meeting last evening. Expect to have other meetings arranged for me next week which may interfere with my being present at those which you purpose calling. Think it would have been much more satisfactory could we have managed to have called meetings alternately so that both could have attended them, as it is I am in the hands of my friends in this matter – for at least ten days to come. Yours truly, Thos Greenway”

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| G 8700 | A - 1267 | Dec. 11, 1882 | Letter | Gigot, E.F. | White Horse Plains, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Election. | No Cover |

“Dear Mr. Norquay I have just received your kind letter and thank you very much for the interest and good will you show towards my election. Let my opponents go ahead with their deep scheme, let them allow me to be elected and then we will inform them that over one year ago I was duly naturalized before Judge Miller at Portage la Prairie whilst he was presiding at the Cty Court there.

Mr. Carey is holding meetings in the far (east) end, of the parish. He has Ambroise Lepine, the most unpopular native in the country, working for him. My friends stick to me all right and I have no doubt of success. I am rather anxious to see what today’s *Le Manitoba* will say on the subject. I shall keep the naturalization business quiet, and let them go on and ‘allow’ me to be elected. I will be down in a few days. Yours sincerely E. F. Gigot

[PS] I have not attended Mr. Carey’s meetings, as my friends & myself consider them altogether too early. After New Year we will give them all the meetings they want.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1268 (a) | Nov. 7, 1882 | Letter | Fraser, James, Mayor | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Thomas Greenway. | Envelope No Cover 2 pp |

a) James Fraser (on letterhead of John M. Fraser [Postmaster and conveyance] and McLean Real Estate and Commission Agents): “My dear Norquay I arrived home on Saturday evening and find that the meeting on Friday the 27th was just what I expected – a few of the faithful turned out appointed James Laidlaw of Clearwater President and Messner of St. Leon Vice, this was done in his absence and I know without his consent. I am writing him tonight but will see him in a few days I think you had better write him and also Father Buchy at once. It is everyone’s opinion that you will beat Greenway but think you would do better without Tuttle when you next meet us. He don’t seem to take at all, will have requisition signed soon. I intend to get all I can in Louise and then canvass Lorne. Yours respectfully James Fraser”

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| G 8700 | A - 1268 (b) | Oct. 30, 1882 | Letter | Campbell, D.D. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Greenway's political activities in Ontario. |  |

Testimony or statement in handwriting: Greenway was the Conservative candidate against Mr. C. Cameron in South Huron, was defeated, but election was contested, then the House was dissolved and new election called when Greenway ran again professing Conservative principles. G. then made a deal with a leading Reformer that, if unopposed, he wld support the Reform party in the House. Despite this written pledge, he continued to act with the Conservative party. Greenway denied there was ever a deal on a public platform.

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| G 8700 | A - 1268 (c) | Aug. 12, 1881 | Letter | Ritchie, D.H. | Goshen | Benson, James H. | Re: Greenway's political activities in Ontario. | 3 pp. |

“My acquaintance with Mr. Greenway began in the summer of 1867, when I was a candidate for the Commons, and Mr. Isaac Carling for the Local house, both elections were held at the same time. He then professed great Conservatism, and seconded my nomination. Mr. M. C. Cameron my opponent taunted him during the canvass for having changed his politics, saying he had met him at Port Elgin in the County of Bruce advocating Fr. Dickson’s (a Liberal) candidature, at a previous election.

From that time up to 1875, he professed strong Conservative politics…” Cameron was unseated after protest in 1874, was nominated for them in 1875, “we paying all costs, hired teams, paid canvassers, and the deposit at the nomination, Cameron was sick and did not come to the nomination and did not oppose Greenway, I have no doubt by an understanding between them, he Greenway was declared elected …

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| G 8700 | A - 1268 (d) | June 17, 1875 | Letter | Greenway, Thomas | Centralia, Ont. | Ritchie, D.H. | Re: His position as an independent Conservative. | Copy |

Copy of letter from Greenway to D.H. Ritchie, saying he was an Independent Conservative – putting interests of country ahead of party

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| G 8700 | A - 1268 (e) | Oct. 28, 1874 | Letter | Greenway, Thomas | Centralia, Ont. | Ritchie, D.H. | Regret at missing meeting. | Copy |

Copy of another letter, saying he supported “the good cause…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1269 | Nov. 30, 1882 | Letter | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff, MB | Norquay, John | Re: Candidate for elections. | No Cover 3 pp. |

Letterhead of Drummond, General Merchants, High Bluff, handwritten

“Dear Norquay Your kind letter 25th to hand I regret not being on hand a little earlier our convention has not yet held its meeting but we have a mass meeting of Conservatives next Thursday to discuss who is the best man to run etc. I do not want to run or to put it in another way if any person can carry the division [I] would rather not run, to be frank with you I am afraid any person to be successful will have to run Conservative with the understanding if you continue in power opposing the Grit party to support you & if any other is chosen to be leader then they, I would strongly advise you as your sincere friend to call the House pass the charters & Orange Bill (by private member) after new Gov is installed if they still will disallow the Railway bill etc appeal to Privy Council the railway bill might be amended to cover only the old province, outside of Winnipeg people will support those who are against Disallowance or have it settled one way or another. I trust you will give this your earnest consideration from one who is your sincere friend. Yours truly J A K Drummond”

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| G 8700 | A - 1270 | Nov. 15, 1882 | Letter | Dennet, William | Brokenhead River, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Land Patent. | No Cover |

Spelling poor, careful hand, half sheet of paper, to “Ho John Norquay Primer: Dr Sir

“I am verey sorry in neglecting so long about my claim at the Big Stone I bought a claim from Josep Spence 14 years ago also bought Charles Swain’s claim joining Joseph Spences, the land is note survaied as yet will you kindly accquint the Government in Ottawa about it infact I wish you would do it for me also I applied to Mr Thomas Sinclair about my patent its 4 years ago since I applied but no answer as yet.

Am much proud of you being my countryman

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Yours truly **William Dennet Sr. C.M.S.**

I heir some one is going to cut cordwood on those lands mentioned Wm Dt.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1271 | Nov. 30, 1882 | Letter | Daly, T. Mayne | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Political matters. | No Cover 6 pp. |

Printed letterhead “Private” at top, “My dear Sir:”

Wanted to write but too busy – “I have very much sympathy with you indeed & perhaps you will be spared to wreak vengeance upon the miserable creatures who have attacked you. You are not a saint or an angel in disguise is a man without yr faults, but I think that you possess more of the ability requisite for the position of first minister of our province than any of the broken & [?] political hacks who have attacked you, a gentleman of the Greenway, Sifton stamp – to say nothing of the sweet cented David Glass who is [illegible] like looking for a constituency to turn up?

The last straw to break the camels back is the action of Tuttle, if you had heard the expressions used against that gentleman at our convention here you would have ascertained in what esteem (?) [sic] he is held by the party here. I always thought well of Tuttle & acknowd his ability & fitness & never knew personally of anything he had done or said to incur such animosity, however since he has treated you the way he has, gained your confidence, wormed your feelings & ideas upon the questions of the day out of you, advised you etc etc & and then turn around & turn his back on you, I am done with the Tuttle-Scott combination in [?] is nothing less than a “Tammany Ring’, on a very small scale -- & you are well rid of them.

Depend upon it I will do all I can for you. Altho’ understand [?] I do not agree altogether with your policy on this Disallowance – I think we are bound to stand by the Dom Govt until the House of Coms meets & then by our representatives & the representatives of the other provinces present our case in a proper light & the discussion there provoked would [?] readily end in good for our Province than all the bombast & windy threatenings we have been treated to during the past few weeks. Now if not too late I should say to you – do not dissolve the legislature until it is necessary to do so by effluxion of time. If you are a wise man stay where you are till yr term of office expires. What have you to gain by going [to] the country – a probable defeat & an improbable confirmation of yr policy by the whole people. Besides you will be able to avenge the insult & [illegible] of Tuttle et al & relegate them to the shades of the ward [illegible?]. If you take this course and do not dissolve, then again I would say do not call the house together ain till after the next session of the Commons -- & by then you can shape a policy based upon the way matters turn out in that House –

It may seem impertinent these suggestions from me, but they are sincere. I like you personally & admire your abilities & have sufficient manliness in me to [acknowledge] them & to try & help a man when he is down – so to speak – All you want is more determination & back bone & do not hereafter yield too much to the will of others, make up yr mind & stick to it in spite of it all

Believe me, Yours faithfully T. Mayne Daly Jr”

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| G 8700 | A - 1272 | Nov. 28, 1882 | Letter | Cain, John | Virden, Man. | Norquay, John | Appointment as Justice of the Peace. | No Cover |

Please appoint me as Justice of the Peace – reference – MP of Walkerton, South Bruce

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| G 8700 | A - 1273 (a) | April 22, 1882 | Letter | Cameron, Hector | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing D. Bryson. | No Cover |

H of Commons stationery – “My dear Norquay” – introduces settler in MB, Dr. Bryson – assist, advice

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| G 8700 | A - 1273 (b) | Nov. 24, 1882 | Letter | Wilson, D.H. | Nelson, Man. | Norquay, John | Nomination in Mountain. | No Cover 2 pp. |

“Dear Sir” Messrs Rutland and Holland will call, to induce to accept the nomination for Mountain – “I can assure you it is the general impression you could carry the constituency without any trouble. In fact the electors are confident of success if you take the field. Hold St Andrews in abeyance and go in for Mountain. I am going to fight in Dufferin to the end. Lorne will give you almost a unanimous vote and Louise will divide on party with a certain following of Grits from P. Mound for you. Go in and sweep the constituency. Yours truly D.H. Wilson”

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| G 8700 | A - 1274 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Letter | Chalmers, Robert S. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Political Meeting. | No Cover |

Mr Sutherland promised on your behalf that you would come to a meeting at the Ridge “some time during the contest.” Mr. Burnham will have a meeting there on Friday next – can you come or do you prefer a meeting on your own – “I would incline to the latter….”

“Things look pretty fair. I am not sure but the first announcement of the time of holding the elections would be just as good as later on, when the excitement is worked up and then has time to cool down it is not so easy to get it up again. Yours etc. Robert S. Chalmers”

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| G 8700 | A - 1275 | Nov. 1882 | Letter | Nursey, W.R. | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Seeing Mr. N. about report. | No Cover |

“Dear Mr. Norquay” my wife has invited some of the people who are singing at Govt House next Tuesday to practice with her at home this evening – I must stay to look after her. I’ll be at the building at 10:30; if that doesn’t suit I will come in the afternoon – “I will see Howard and get the report you spoke about. W.R. Nursey”

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| G 8700 | A - 1276 | Nov. 17, 1882 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas (brother) | Virden, Man. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Carroll. | No Cover |

Notepaper, 1 sheet: “Dear John The bearer is a Mr. Carroll of this place, he wishes to be appointed a J.P. The other whom you appointed (Mr. Scarth) has not yet qualified so we have no J.P. here ….people are necessitated to go to Brandon. I am much better though still troubled a little with short breath. I’ll write you a long letter on Sunday. Train just in. Your loving brother, Tom.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1277 | Nov. 30, 1882 | Letter | Nash, C.W., Secretary, Cons. Assoc. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Resolution of Council. | Reply by  Norquay on reverse. No Cover |

“The Honble John Norquay Sir: “Conservative association meeting passed resolution – don’t dissolve House “before the regular time…”

Notation: Norquay’s hand: “Acknowledge receipt & say Govt had already decided”

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| G 8700 | A - 1278 | Nov. 9, 1882 | Letter | Pratt, W.A., Sec.Treas. Portage la Prairie | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Account of mass meeting at Portage. | Reply by Norquay on reverse. No Cover |

Letterhead of Sec Treas, town of PLP, “At a mass meeting held in the Town Hall…the following motion was carried unanimously….”

Notation: Norquay’s hand: “Acknowledge the receipt & say the subject will receive consideration”

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| G 8700 | A - 1279 | Nov. 22, 1882 | Letter | Pennefather, J.P. | Norquay, Man. | Norquay, John | Politics. | No Cover |

“Dear Mr. Norquay You are no doubt better posted than I am on the meeting held at Pilot Mound regarding the selection of a candidate ….” Free Press mentions names of Fraser and Bedson as directors of the movement to support Greenway – curious “that so soon after coming here & support you, they should have [illegible] No doubt the disallowance of the Emerson charter at the present time is unfortunate. But I believe if a strong Conservative candidate is nominated it will go hard with Greenway. It is useless looking for a local man the wretched petty jealousies which pervade the mind of the settlers preclude unanimity, but a good outsider may and most probably would unite all the Conservatives.” Howell would have a good chance, “and if the French vote of St. Leon ‘a Roman Catholic one’ can be influenced they will carry the day.” First VP is the storekeeper at St. Leon –he is a Dutch man and his following which is not of much account if the French are detached and there is not much love lost between them….

“The Norfolk, Norquay, Swan Lake & Archibald vote will if unanimous carry the day….” I’ll work for the “Conservative cause….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1280 | Nov. 10, 1882 | Letter | Cliffe, C. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Elections. | No Cover 2 pp. |

Letterhead of *Portage Weekly Tribune* “…The public mind is almost immeasurably excited over this disallowance and your government to save itself must act promptly and above everything decidedly. Do not allow the Times to give the public to understand, no matter what your views are, that you will consent to any quid pro quo for the province’s right to charter purely local railways such as are implied in the General R.R. Act of last session. No one but a fire eater will contend that the province has the right to connect with outside systems, but until some different construction is placed on the BNA Act the provinces’ assumed rights must be enforced to save a Conservative govt in this province no matter what position it may place our Federal representatives in. Let them take care of themselves. If again, you appeal before re-enacting, the public will take it as an evidence of weakening, and will prove disastrous. In my opinion your best policy is to convene the House, re-enact, put on the boldest front and dissolve and appeal. You should advise the constituencies to thoroughly organise & get the best possible men in the field, as the Grits are determined to make their best and bitterest fight. I should be obliged for the copy of the Acts of last session you promised me.” very truly yours C. Cliffe”

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| G 8700 | A - 1281 | Sept. 30, 1880 | Receipt | Clements, J.N. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Lease on Singer Sewing Machine $10.00. | No Cover |

Lease on Singer sewing machine, $10.00 “received from Ho n. J. Norquay…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1282 | July 7, 1881 Aug. 31, 1880 | Installment Notice | Clements, J.N. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Lease on Sewing machine. | No Cover 2 pp. |

31 Aug 1880: installment due on 1 Sept.

7 July 1881: final payment on lease of $5.00 due

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| G 8700 | A - 1283 | Nov. 1882 | Receipt | Misses Andrews | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, Miss | Account paid. | No Cover |

Payment “of this very small a/c would oblige” these milliners -- $1.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1284 | 16 Jan 1883 | Assessment Notice | City of Winnipeg | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Assessment notice. | No Cover |

Tax bill for 1882, on Lot No. 205/8 Blk 2, HBCo, 10,000 $100.00 plus cost of the Notice .25 Total = $100.25 – You have failed to pay, and if you do not pay within six days, “a warrant of execution will issue against your goods and chattels.” [presumably 10,000 is the assessed value]

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| G 8700 | A - 1285 | Feb. 2, 1883 | Letter | North American Life Assurance Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Share subscription notice. Sample share. | No Cover 2 pp. |

Directors wish to increase the Guarantee Fund from $100,000 to $500,000.

You, JN, hold 20 shares and are entitled to subscribe for 80 additional shares.

The Company decided to pay 8% per annum “upon the amount actually paid up by each Guarantor”

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| G 8700 | A - 1286 | Jan. 1883 | Postcard | Carruthers and Brock | City (Winnipeg) | Prov. Treasurer | Expiration of insurance policy. | No Cover |

Life insurance: Your policy “in the Western Insurance Co expires at noon on the 24th day of January, 1883.” Instructions please: Amount $1500 Premium $37.50

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| G 8700 | A - 1289 | Jan. 20, 1883 | Bill | McMicken, G. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account re loan. S.O.and M. Land Co. | No Cover |

Gilbert McMicken is General Agent for the Manitoba and North-West agency of the Commercial Union Assurance Co of London, England, which encompasses the Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. and the Real Estate, Loan and Debenture Co.

This is an account: 8 Dec. 1882 – “to principal due on loan $1700

To interest 204

To interest from 8 Dec/82 22.75

JN thus owes $1926.75 minus $1912 and still owes $14.75. McMicken asks “kindly send cheque.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1303 | Nov. 14, 1882 | Receipt | McMicken, G. for Real Estate Loan and Debenture Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account owing $1904.00. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1302 | Dec. 18 & 20, 1882 | Bills | McMicken, G. for Real Estate Loan and Debenture Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account owing $1904.00. | No Cover 2 pp. |

These are the original bills, #1302 declaring on 14 Nov that Hon John Norquay will owe $1700 plus interest of $204, and other two noting interest already mounting since the payment was due on 8 Dec, --the 20 Dec bill declaring: “Kindly let me have this at once as I have to make my annual returns and I do not wish to report it as unpaid.” [a clerk wrote and initialled this note.]

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| G 8700 | A - 1290 | Sept. 4, 1882 | Receipt | Coltart, J.L. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Goods: Little Old Man Clothing Store. | Torn. No Cover |

“Mr. Norquay” Paid $10.50 for “goods” “Little Old Man Clothing Store”

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| G 8700 | A - 1291 | Spring 1883 | bill | St. John's College Ladies’ School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Nellie Norquay account. | No Cover |

Bill for Miss Nellie Norquay who took English $6, French $5, Drawing $7, Music $8 and Class Singing $1, plus “use of piano” 2.00, and “seat in church” .50 = $69.50 for present term, and arrears of $123.42 for a total $192.92.

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| G 8700 | A - 1292 | Jan. 1883 | bill | St. John's Ladies' College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Miss Norquay account. | No Cover |

Miss Norquay: “Summer term arrears 124.22 plus arrears from last account of $118.40 = total amount owing of $242.62

“So large is the amt due to the School that, after cleaning out our ‘Exchequer’, even to the $c000 recd in payt. Of land sold, the Treasurer has been under the necessity of borrowing to meet current expenses. Will the Hon. Mr. Norquay kindly favour us with a cheque?”

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To JN – please “provide for your promissory note $72.95 which is payable at this office on 27 Dec.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1293 | Nov. 26, 1882 | Bill | Causwell, Frank N. Carswell? | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of note. | No Cover |

Ontario Bank, Winnipeg: “Your note for $1775.00 falls due on 26 Nov – when payment is requested.

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| G 8700 | A – 1309[\*number repeated] | Dec. 20, 1882 | Promissory Note | Porter, E. for Ontario Bank | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Note for $72.95. | No Cover |

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| G 8700 | A - 1294 | Dec. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Chisholm, Moore and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account. | No Cover |

Bill incurred on 4 Sept for 145 “ [ft?]Barbed wire and 2” staples -- $13.97 Please send cheque.

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| G 8700 | A - 1295 | Jan. 29, 1883 | bill | Ferriss and Co. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Surrey account. | No Cover |

Horse and cattle dealers – on 24 Jan, “To team 9 days @7.00 per day = $63.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1296 | Nov. 28, 1882 | bill | "The Herald" | Selkirk, Man. | Public Works Dept. | Re: Subscription. | No Cover |

J Norquay signed “approved” with signature, for Public Works Dept subscription to The Herald for 1 year for $2.

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| G 8700 | A - 1297 | Jan. 15, 1883 | Receipt | Hingston Smith, J. and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account. | No Cover |

Gun merchant, send bill for account of $3.

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| G 8700 | A - 1298 | Jan. 1883 | Bill notice | Merchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | Account overdrawn. | No Cover |

To “The Treas, Government of Manitoba, from the bank – “Your account has this day been charged with $1038.35, being interest at 6% on existing overdrawn a/c.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1299 | Nov. 11, 1882 | Letter &  receipt | Merchants' Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Cancelled cheque. | No Cover |

Wallis, Ramsay & Co of Minnedosa (hq: Brandon) charge JN for $275, and JN signs as “Accepted payable at Merchants Bank” – and an additional form notes that the draft is “duly cancelled …retired by your cheque” [this could be govt business – and Provl Treasurer handles the files, personal and govt, in the same office and desk and process]

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| G 8700 | A - 1300 | June 28, 1881 | Receipt | Moodie, H.R. and Co. | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Account. | No Cover |

To Mr. Norquay, from a dealer in bankrupt stocks, via an auctioneer, 1 E P tea set for $36 and 1 water pitcher for 7$. “Paid”

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| G 8700 | A - 1306 | Nov. 20, 1882 | Receipt | MacNab, A. and Son | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Mortgage loan payment $125.00. | No Cover 2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1305 | Feb. 12, 1883 | Letter | MacNab, A. and Son | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Mortgage account $128.60 due. | No Cover |

The third of these British Canadian Loan and Investment Co requests “your earnest attention to the payment of interest on your mortgage … which is now long past due …failing which we will be obliged to place the matter in suit.” -- $28.60.

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| G 8700 | A - 1309 | Jan. 29, 1883 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. | No Cover |

On letterhead of Ruttan Real Estate Agents – note “personal” on top

“My dear Mr. Norquay,

It is important that the owners of Darlingford should meet at once & decide on a programme. Richard has withdrawn his sw ¼ 18.3.7 and ne ¼ 12.3.8 and holds the land now @ $25 an acre.

“In order to make money out of the town we must get all settled immediately and set to work hard & fast.

“Hanny leaves town on Wednesday – Ross ditto – so we must meet in the interval.

“Could you come to Farrell’s or my office at 4 this afternoon. Kindly send me word by bearer…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1310 | Dec. 1, 1882 | bill | Stalker and Hutchings | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account for $1.25. | No Cover |

Repair Bridle twice, on 20 Feb and 3 April -- $1.25

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| G 8700 | A - 1312 | Nov. 25, 1882 | Promissory Note | Wilkes, Walter A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note for $2000.00. | No Cover |

Wilkes is notary public in law firm of Ross/Killam/Haggart – sends printed bill to JN re a promissory note dated 23 Oct 1882 of $2000.00 made by you payable to R.A. Ruttan for 3 months after the date thereof was endorsed by Ruttan and discounted for one month for $1775,00 and presented to bank, and Ontario Bank, holders of the note, look to you for payment.

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| G 8700 | A - 1314 | Nov. 18, 1882 | Receipt | Wright and Arbuckle | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $30.50. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1315 | Jan. 29, 1883 | Receipt | Wright and Arbuckle | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account owing $6.50. | No Cover |

Harness and saddler -- Bills over two years, on 6 Jan and 13 Feb 1882, and 27 Dec/82 and 18 Jan, 1883 for tie line, side saddle ($30), blanket and mending harness – total $37.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1316 | Nov. 25, 1882 | Letter | Burrows, Acton, secretary Prov. Agric. & Industrial Soc. of Man. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Paper with instructions. | No Cover |

I took sick, couldn’t do anything about the enclosed paper in time.

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| G 8700 | A - 1317 | Nov. 21, 1882 | Letter | Bryson, William J. | Prince Arthurs' Landing, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introduction from H. Cameron, M.P. | No Cover |

Wants letter to Van Horne, seeking apptmt as medical supt on CPR – “I am a good surgeon…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1319 | Nov. 1, 1882 | Receipt | Bryce, Alex V. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $25.30 paid. | No Cover |

Account, plus hose and gloves – paid $25.30 on 16 Nov 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1320 | Jan. 8, 1883 | Letter | Brown, Elias | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking to be appointed police magistrate. |  |

Wants to be police magistrate

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| G 8700 | A - 1321 | Dec. 30, 1882 | Letter | Alexander J.P. | Merrylee,  Turtle Mountain | Norquay, John | Re: Election matters. |  |

“My dear Norquay “ – opponents working hard, I’ve been in all parts of riding “will have a majority in every polling station if I can only bring the voters out. Can you advise me on this matter?... Trusting you are all right and that you will have a large majority in the next House.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1322 | Jan. 9, 1883 | Telegram | McDonald, E. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Can he attend meeting tomorrow night. |  |

“Can you attend meeting here tomorrow night Answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1323 | Jan. 8, 1883 | Letter | Munroe, George F. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking a letter to Lieutenant Governor Dewdney as to  Mr. William Grayson's fitness for position of Notary Public. |  |

On Ross Killam Haggart letterhead, asking for letter to Dewdney in NWT on behalf of Mr. Grayson, “a friend of mine” to be Notary Public etc.

“wishing you a happy new year and success at the coming elections….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1324 | Dec. 16, 1882 | Letter | Rorke, Samuel | Green Ridge P.O., Man. | Norquay, John | His name and other names being left off the list of voters and wanting the same rectified. | Note by  Norquay for response on reverse. |

Our names left off voters list or misspelled can this be corrected – ps: I plan to support Mr. Chalmers Norquay writes: “Acknowledge receipt and inform him that if not placed on at the last sitting of county court impossible now to get them on”

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| G 8700 | A - 1325 | Dec. 30, 1882 | Letter | Pope, J.H.letterhead of Min. of Agric.Canada | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Mr. Bradley of Emerson. |  |

Re your letter re Mr. Bradley of Emerson – I shall act on your suggestion “I quite agree with you that the conduct of which you speak is not a thing which could or would be tolerated by any Government and it will not be by us….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1326 | Dec. 26, 1882 | Letter | Ditscher, Rev. Theobald | St. Leon, Man. parish | Norquay, John | Wishing him success in Mountain and telling him the Catholic vote is for him in his parish. |  |

‘Honorable Monsieur! J’ai le bonheur de vous annonces que notre ami M. Glouston [etc]was named by acclamation today warden of the municipality of Lorne. I wish you success in the electoral district of Mountain; “Mes catholiques sont pour vous.” [all above in French] Then:in English – “merry Christmas and happy new year”

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| G 8700 | A - 1327 | Jan. 10, 1883 | Meeting Notice | Memorandum | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Testimonial to Duncan McArthur. |  |

Printed notice – meeting at Col. Kennedy’s office on 12 Jan to consider “the propriety of presenting a testimonial to D. McArthur, Esq., on his retirement from the management of the Merchants Bank in this city.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1328 | Jan 11, 1883 | Telegram | Stewart, John | Cheval Creek, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he has sent list of mimonites [Mennonites?], and etc. |  |

“have sent list of Minnonites to you please send Hespeler write Alderson”

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| G 8700 | A - 1329 | [No Date] | Invitation | McKeand, M.,  Secretary,  North West Travellers Assn. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Invitation to dinner. |  |

Handwritten invitation to their dinner, Dec 1882 – for 1883?

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| G 8700 | A - 1330 | Dec. 30, 1882 | Invitation | Colcleugh, James,  Mayor | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Invitation to dinner at the Canadian Pacific Hotel. |  |

Printed invitation to dinner at Canadian Pacific Hotel on Friday 5 Jan 7:30

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| G 8700 | A - 1331 | [No Date] | Invitation | Leacock, Georgina E. | Kildonan Cottage City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Invitation to dinner. |  |

Printed letter head, motto Dum Spiro Spero, crest of rooster, handwritten invitation “Dear Mr. Norquay [no Mrs?] Will you come down to dinner with us on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Yours truly Georgina E. Leacock

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| G 8700 | A - 1332 | Dec. 28, 1882 | Letter | Sanford, W.E.[AE?] | New York | Norquay, John | Wishing Mr. N. compliments of the season. |  |

Letterhead of Grand Hotel “My Dear Norquay Allow me to wish you a happy New Year and all success in the coming election. I am spending a few days among the Codfish Tongues. Yours faithfully …”

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| G 8700 | A - 1333 | Dec. 27, 1882 | Promissory Note | James W.J., lawyer Notary Public | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Notice of a promissory note going to protest. |  |

Take note that pm note dated 24 Dec 1880 for $64 by you payable two years after at the Ontario Bank here and endorsed by JJ Setter was presented by me for payment at the bank and the holders of the note look to you for payment thereof. I this day protested the non-payment.

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| G 8700 | A - 1334 | Dec. 29, 1882 | Letter | Gemmill, J.A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Stating he has purchased the copyright of the Canadian Parliament Companion and soliciting an order for several numbers from the Manitoba Government. |  |

I’ve taken over the Cdn Parly Companion – new issue after the MB elections – please order same – Cda takes 600, ON and QC 100 each, NS and NB 50. “Our common friend, Senator Ogilvie, of Montreal, says all I have to do is to mention is name to you as a reference.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1335 | Dec. 27, 1882 | Letter | Aikins, J.C., Lieutenant Governor | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Complaining that there is no money in the bank to his credit to pay for coal, etc. |  |

Dear Sir: Accounts for coal and sundry other things usually charged against the appropriations for Gov House have been sent in and there is no money in the bank to my credit to pay them. That for this month has not I understand been placed there. Please give the needed instructions. Faithfully yours,

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| G 8700 | A - 1336 | Jan. 9, 1883 | Letter | Rinskopf, A. [Grocer] | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking Mr. N. to be present at the civic elections and  cast his vote in his favour. |  |

Nash is running for mayor, I for alderman – know you’re busy – “could you manage to come up and give us your vote….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1337 | Jan. 8, 1883 | Letter | Chalmers, Robert S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for the charter for Emerson Agricultural Society. |  |

Handwritten from “Departmental Buildings” “Dear Sir: I was in hopes of seeing you today, but find (if reports are true) that you have got the subsidy from the Dom Govt and sloped across the International Boundary. Should such not prove to be true and you return safe and sound I should be very much pleased if you could hurry up the granting of the charter of the Emerson Agricultural Works ….

Ps: things are looking very favourable for us hope they are with you RSC”

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| G 8700 | A - 1338 | Dec. 23, 1882 | Letter | Brydon, John K [lawyer] | Rat Portage, Man. | Norquay, John | Invitation to a supper of the Free Masons. |  |

Invite to AF &AM dinner on St. John Day 27 Dec “Wishing you all the compliments of the season, and every success in the coming campaign….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1339 | Dec. 30, 1882 | Letter | Smith, William Department of Fisheries | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Recommending Captain Hackland for the appointment.  Keeper of Light House on Lake Winnipeg. |  |

JN recommended Capt. Hackland apptmt to keeper of light house on L Wpg – there are none in operation at present beyond the Light Ship at the entrance to Red River….” – a person has been apptd to that.

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| G 8700 | A - 1340 | Dec. 28, 1882 | Letter | Sanderson, James F. | Fort Walsh, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Coming to Winnipeg to see about half-breed lands. |  |

“Dr Norquay I sit down to drape you this few lines to inquir from you wether it will be of any yous [use] of a delegate going down from this Part to See about the halfBreed lands the Pepell had a meeting out heaer and apounted me to go down and see about this land and now i ask your advise about it Ples Right and let me no as son as Pasibell and oblige your humbl Sarvent James F. Sanderson

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| G 8700 | A - 1341 | Dec. 26, 1882 | Letter | Parr, John | Lothair MB | Norquay, John | Sending him a copy of his speech and informing Mr. N.  his chances are good in that Section of Country. |  |

Please send copies of Selkirk Herald with your speech. You have lots of friends in this county, “more than either Greenway or Tuttle or his clan…” hope you get “a good working majority…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1342 | Dec. 27, 1882 | Letter | Tuttle, Charles R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a Cons. mass meeting and asking that the members of Government be present at same. |  |

“Sir You and all the members of your government are most respectfully invited to attend a Conservative mass meeting to be held in Winnipeg on Jan 3rd next….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1343 | Dec. 23, 1882 | Letter | Hargrave, John and JS Aikins | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking that different polling places be established in the Electoral Division of Cartier. |  |

On behalf of “the English speaking population of the Electoral Division of Cartier we beg to request that you will be good enough to have polling places established for this Division at Solomon Hamilin or Mr Nesbitt’s store parish St Vital & at E Radfords formerly known as Wm Deases in Parish St Norbert & at Richard Shores Municipality of Macdonald” – further recommend that Thos Granby Esq as Deputy Returning Officer for St Vital and Mr Wheatland for Macdonald….

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| G 8700 | A - 1344 | Dec. 28, 1882 | Letter | McDougall, Archibald | Pilot Mound, Man. | Treasurer, Prov. Of Manitoba | Asking for copies of Public Account, General Railway Act and Tramway Act as he wants to repudiate the statements of Mr. Greenway. |  |

Requests copies of public accounts, railway act, tramway act “Greenway in his addresses endeavours to make the impression that the public accounts are in such a mixed and muddled condition that it is impossible for any person to understand them.” I wish to challenge these easy “rash charges”

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| G 8700 | A - 1345 (a) | Aug. 15, 1883 | Promissory Note | Woodworth, J.E., Sask. Coal Mining Co. | Winnipeg | Brydges, C.J. H.B.Co. Land  Commission | Promise to pay $4000.00. | Torn |
| G 8700 | A - 1345 (b) | Aug. 15, 1883 | Cheque | Woodworth, J.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Woodworth, J.E. | $4000.00 cheque payable to himself and endorsed by himself. |  |

a) promissory note – 30 days after date we promise to pay C.J. Brydges Esq H.B. Co Land Commission $4000 first payment Sec 8 Twp 13 Range 6 West 4 Meridian

from Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Co. J.E. Woodworth Manager & Trustee

b) apparently a cheque, on a cheque form of the Federal Bank of Canada, possibly dated 30 August, also in Wpg: “Pay to J.E. Woodworth Genl Manager of Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co” sum of $4000 – and it is signed by J. E. Woodworth

The office annotation says “From J E Woodworth, Winnipeg, 30 August: Note for 4000 – payable to himself and endorsed by himself also promissory note for same”

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| G 8700 | A - 1348 | Dec. 28, 1882 | Postcard | Matheson, Samuel G. | St. John's College, City | Norquay, John | Notice of an important meeting of the College Council. |  |

Important meeting of College Council on 3 Jan

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| G 8700 | A - 1349 | Jan. 4, 1883 | Postcard | Pinkham, W. Cyprian, Secretary of Synod | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of an important meeting of the Mission Board. |  |

Important meeting of Mission Board on 10 Jan

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| G 8700 | A - 1350 | Nov. 10, 1883 | Letter | Lawson, John P. | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Showed Mr. Egan and Shields through the mine.  Supplies needed. |  |

-printed letterhead of “Saskatchewan Coal Mining & Transportation Co, Limited 576 Main St, Winnipeg Mines at Medicine Hat, NWT”

Letter from “Coal Mines” addressed to “The Saskatchewan brethren”

“Gents Mr Egan & Shields have just left the pit – I had them to the far end of the …[illegible] The coal looked well. Mr. Egan said it looked much better than he had any idea of.

“I have got the new screens in operation They work all right. I shewed them the coal in the coal cars after the new screening. They said ‘That looks well’

“I hope you will see Mr Egan soon as possible and get a contract from the C.P.R.

“Mr. Shields promised to put a siding in for us under the screens, when he does so I will send you a car of ‘nut’ coal

“I saw the coal from Anderson’s mine It is not anthracite coal I told Mr. Egan so and gave it as my opinion that this coal would raise as much steam per ton as Andersons coal

“The coal from Anderson’s mine is ‘slickinsided’ looks as if the seam will be faulty, I would not be surprised if they loose the seam. – At any rate their coal will not greatly interfere with this I am not afraid of it unless they strike something better than yet seen

“A report is current today that the C.P.R. will be shut down west of Moose Jaw for the winter will you enquire into it?

“You will have no more slack to contend against. The screens work all right, we may have some trouble shipping wet coal during hard frost. It will delay us somewhat That is the reason I am anxious to have another screen put ut, so as we can use the one, while the other is getting cleaned. John P. Lawson

[ps] Powder & oak rails reqd by the end of this month

We will require a supply of powder the fine grained is best for us – we also require more pit rails (oak) by the end of this month, large portions of the roads require to be relaid owing to not having strap iron. JPL

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| G 8700 | A - 1351 | Nov. 9, 1883 | Letter | Lawson, John P. | Medicine Hat, N.W.T. | Bowes, James A. | Coal matters. |  |

Same letterhead stationery Lawson to James R. Bowes, Sask Coal &c office

From “Coal Mines” – the picks from Munson & Duff aren’t fit for use – as the Vulcan blacksmith said, ‘there was no steel in it’ – they can come and get them if they won’t accept 50 or 60 cents a piece for them.

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| G 8700 | A - 1352 | 1882 | Pass | Van Horne, W.C. | [No Location] | Norquay, John and Family | Complimentary Yearly Pass over C.P.R. |  |

Neat wallet size card, #754, The CPR, “Pass: The Hon J Norquay and family complimentary” until 31 Dec 1882, on reverse in handwriting “Extended until 31st Jany 1883 W C VanHorne [sgd]

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| G 8700 | A - 1353 | June 11, 1883 | Letter | Black, W.R. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Asking employment for Mr. John Thompson, a friend of his. |  |

Introduces John Thomson, a strong supporter of govt and myself in both elections in the west ward – any jobs as clerk or registrar of courts? “I am certain it would strengthen your hand in the place.” Annotation [JN’s hand?] re apptmt of bailiffs in various towns and of a prothonotary at Brandon

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| G 8700 | A - 1354 | Dec. 22, 1882 | Letter | Dowse, Thomas | Duluth, Minn. | Norquay, John | Re: The Duluth and Winnipeg Railroad. | 3 pp & newspaper clipping |

Another installment of the railway saga: with clipping from Duluth Tribune 15 Dec 1882 explaining how a local group of shareholders dumped the controlling Boston interest and took over the Duluth & Winnipeg Railroad Co.

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| G 8700 | A - 1355 | Nov. 20, 1882 | Letter printed letterhead | Renwick, T., Manager, Federal Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Railway policy. |  |

“My Dear Mr. Norquay: I trust you will reconsider your decision regarding the policy to be adopted by you at the approaching elections. I feel confident that if you take the course suggested in our conversation yesterday you will seriously endanger the position of your government as you can scarcely hope to make the restriction of our right to grant charters a popular plank in your platform. I have to repeat what I said yesterday that the gentlemen who express their willingness to assist you in carrying the elections providing you will meet their views on the Railway question are fully able to carry out their engagements and will deposit the fifty thousand dollars in my hands as [illegible]

With the fund and a popular platform you can go to the country with every confidence.

You must believe that my part in this affair is simply that of a friend to yourself.

You had better write me a confidential note signifying your acceptance of this offer.

Yours faithfully T Renwick”

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| G 8700 | A - 1356 | May 29, 1883 | Letter | Van Horne, W.C., General Manager C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. |  |

“Dear Sir I have instructed Mr. Egan to discontinue work on the Darlingford side track for the reasons stated to you verbally but you may depend upon its being put in according to agreement as soon as you may require it and you may make your plans upon the certainty that Darlingford will be a station on our southwestern branch on section 7, township 3 Range 7 west of 1st principal meridian yours truly W C. Van Horne Gen Mgr CPR”

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| G 8700 | A - 1357 | Nov. 11, 1883 | Telegram | Egan, John M., General Superintendent,  C.P.R. | Balgonie, N.W.T. | Norquay, John | Sorry he did not see Mr. N. On reverse: Note from  Ritchie, J.N. re: First class coal for engines. |  |

“On no. 61 Am very sorry I did not see you. We passed your train east of Moose Jaw”

Pencil on back: “Nov 11th Saw J P Murray engine driver who said had no trouble in keeping 120 to 130 lbs steam believes it first class coal for engines. Don’t see why it should not be used. J Ritchie”

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| G 8700 | A - 1358 | Aug. 28, 1883 | Letter | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Recommending Dr. Graham as Jail Surgeon at Brandon. |  |

Re apptmt of Dr. W. Graham of Brandon to surgeon of Brandon jail – I waited for others, but none appeared, so I recommend him.

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| G 8700 | A - 1359 | Sept. 19, 1883 | Letter | Corrigan, Thomas  Howard | Rat Portage, Man. | Norquay, John | Stating he retires from the contest in Varennes in favour of Mr. Miller, the Government candidate. |  |

Withdraws from contest in Varennes “rather than split the party” – will support the govt and try to return Mr Miller, its candidate

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| G 8700 | A - 1360 | Jan. 12, 1883 | Telegram | La Riviere, A.A.C. | Otterburn, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Kittson's election in that district. |  |

“Will be home this evening Kittson is all right here. Had a rousing meeting last night called by Clark but he was not there He won’t get five votes here. Will be at the offices tomorrow morning”

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| G 8700 | A - 1362 | Oct. 22, 1883 | Letter | Adams, Charles | Prince Albert, N.W.T. | Neestaw {Brother-in- Law - Norquay, John] | Family matters. |  |

“Dear Neestaw On the 14th inst we were very much pleased to receive a little stranger in the shape of a little son, both mother & babe doing well.

I am in a fair way of securing a splendid claim of ½ a section, it is a lovely place, my brothers are going to help me put up a little House so as to secure it more surely until spring. I am renting 30 acres new broke land from A Spence for the [finaing] of it, so that we shall be all right – Andrew’s claim comes on to mine, the boys are backsetting & have been working very hard.

Excuse us for writing irregularly as the Post Office is 15 miles away. With kind love to all, I remain, Affly Keestaw [over]

Ps I enclose a letter to Mr. Vivian re Gerrond’s note which he has. Should it not be too much, would you kindly drop a note to Mr. Howell about it you would oblige me very much Keestaw.

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| G 8700 | A - 1363 | Aug. 17, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Riviere Du Loup, Quebec | Norquay, John | Re: Rat Portage troubles. |  |

“Riviere du Loup August 17/83 Private My dear Norquay

I am greatly pleased to see the manly course you have adopted at Rat Portage. The conduct of the Ontario Govt has been most indecent. It has shown an utter want of self-respect and an utter disregard of the claims of a sister province. Keep your ground, and you will have all the support that I can give you. I shall be here until the first week of September & then at Ottawa. In haste, Sincerely Yours, John A Macdonald”

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| G 8700 | A - 1364 | Aug. 13, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Riviere Du Loup, Quebec | Norquay, John | Re: Saskatchewan Coal Co. |  |

“Riviere du Loup August 13/83 Private My dear Norquay

I have yours of the 6th on behalf of the Saskatchewan Coal Co.

Nothing can be done on this matter until Council reassembles next month.

I shall do what I properly can for this Co. but there are many applications, and Govt must judge impartially between them. From Woodworth’s a/c they must have done a good deal of work and if so deserve every encouragement. I shall keep your letter as a proof of the interest you take in the Co which will do them no harm.

Yours faithfully John A Macdonald

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| G 8700 | A - 1365 | Aug. 29, 1883 | Receipt | Macdonald and Tupper | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | $1000.00 to be applied on purchase of Saskatchewan Coal Co. premises. |  |

Letterhead of law firm Macdonald & Tupper McArthur [J B] and Dexter [HJ]

29 Aug 1883 “Received from Hon John Norquay the sum of one thousand dollars to be applied in purchase of Section 8 – Twp 13-Range 6 West of the 4th Principal Meridian [by?] the Saskatchewan Coal Mining and Transportation Company (Limited)

Macdonald & Tupper

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| G 8700 | A - 1366 | June 16, 1882 | Receipt | Rideout, E.M. | Rat Portage, Man. | Walker, D.M. | On account of board and sundries. $14.00. |  |

Receipt for 2 ¾ days board [$5.50]and sundries [$8.50] for D.M. Walker – “received payment”

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| G 8700 | A - 1367 | June 16, 1882 | Receipt | Rideout, E.M. | Rat Portage, Man. | Norquay, John | On account of board and sundries. $15.75. |  |

Receipt for 2 ¾ days board[$5.50] and sundries [$10.25] for “Jno Norquay Esq” – “received payment”

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| G 8700 | A - 1368 | Winter 1882 | Bill | St. John's College | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing Miss N's bill at College $118.42, winter term 1882. | 2 pp. |

Winter term 1882 Miss N. Norquay $1.85, plus arrears from last account of 116.55 = $118.40

“Memorandum of Books: Xmas term 1882: Miss N. Norquay

1 exercise book – 10c

pens, ink & paper – 20c

Music: Sultan’s Polka – 25c; Once Again – 25c; Caller Kerrin – 25c

Draw’g Stat’y 50 and pencil 15

Total 1.70

Plus doctor, medicine – 15c – Total 1.85

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| G 8700 | A - 1369 | Dec. 29, 1882 | Bill | Harris, A., Son and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | To amount balance of account $4.60. |  |

The bill at the agricultural implement shop has been unpaid for some time, apparently – note in large writing on it: “We want this a/c paid by the 1st Jany 1883”

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| G 8700 | A - 1373 | Jan. 8, 1883 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note of $1545.00 Due at Merchants' Bank. |  |

Letterhead of real estate agent Ruttan: Dear Mr Norquay Fielde is pressing hard for a settlement of your note due about a fortnight ago for $1525.

I have got him to carry it on day after day, expecting your return but his patience is about exhausted. It would never do to have him push it to the extremity.

I got a cheque from your Deputy for $110 and this leaves $1415 still due. Fielde will renew $1200 for which sum I enclose a note at 30 days. Let me have this signed by you at once along with your cheque for $115 and I will pay the other $100 myself – until you can square up. Kindly attend to this immediately. I am anxious to know how the country feels to your touch. I trust it is all right – it looks so. Yours faithfully R.A.Ruttan

P.S. Please send a messenger to me with the note and cheque as early tomorrow as possible

You must remember that this land for which the note was given was not bought at my instance. You were more anxious about it at the time than I was. We were both led astray by Rosser’s views as to where the station ought to have been placed. [this note is added along the side of the page]

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| G 8700 | A - 1374 | Aug. 30, 1883 | Letter | Carman, T.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Lumber. |  |

Seems to be a memo to WWL Co Selkirk “Let Mr Norquay have what lumber he may want”

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| G 8700 | A - 1375 | March 9, 1882 | Bill,Receipt | Russell House Ottawa Gouin, James A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Account rendered $260.88. |  |

Bill for 43 days board $172, plus 28.15 Sundries, 3.55 Washing, 6.78 carriage, and 40c expenses = total of $210.88

and a note: cash $50.00 -- making a total of $260.88 – presumably a loan to JN?

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| G 8700 | A - 1376 | [No Date] | Statement of Accounts | Keewatin Mining Co. | City (Winnipeg) |  | Statement of cash received from promoters of K.M. Co. |  |

Printed letterhead: “Hon. John Norquay President John Allan, SecyTreas

“Statement of Cash Recd from Promoters KMCo

Hon John Norquay, CP Brown, Capt John Allan, W W Meagher,W T McBride, John E Ingersoll

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| G 8700 | A - 1377 | Oct. 8, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Hugh J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing a letter from W.M. Carruthers stating he has transferred 50 shares of the K.M. Co. to Fred L. Watrous. | 2 pp. |

Hugh John encloses a letter to JN, Pres of SK Coal, stating that W M Carruthers has transferred 50 shares to Fred L Waterous. “Mr Carruthers is anxious that this transfer should be kept a secret and asked me to request you to say nothing about it, which I now do. I am glad to learn that the prospects of the Company are so good.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1378 | March 7, 1882 | Bill | Notman and Sandham | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | To amount of account rendered $34.00. Receipt herewith. |  |

1 8x10 Mrs Norquay $15.00

6 Cabinets 5.00

12 miniatures 12.00

1 8x10 Hon J Norquay 15.00

6 Cabinet self 5.00

2 frames 12.00

64.00 Deposit $30 Balance 34.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1379 | Jan. 15, 1883 | Telegram | Stewart, J. | Cheval Creek, Man. | Norquay, John | Keyser Miller is not in favor of Mennonites voting. Send someone to see him. |  |

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| G 8700 | A - 1380 | [No Date] | Telegram | Douglas, C.S. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Interview with Mr. N. |  |

“Will you be in Winnipeg tomorrow want to see you”

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| G 8700 | A - 1381 | Jan. 15, 1883 | Telegram | Fortier, L.M. | Brandon, Man. | Howard, Rice M. | Re: Mr. N. in Winnipeg on Wednesday. |  |

To Rice M Howard “Is Mr Norquay likely to be in Winnipeg Wednesday answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1382 | 3 Jan 1882 | bill | Chisholm, Jones and Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered for $13.97. |  |

Barbed wire, successor to Chisholm, Moore sends another bill in Jan 1883 – we’re closing last year’s accounts -- $13.97

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| G 8700 | A - 1383 | Jan. 3, 1883 | Letter &  bill | Fielde J.F., Manager, Ontario Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of note for $1525.00 endorsed by J.F. Ruttan falling due. | 2 pp. |

Bill: Your note for $1525 comes due on 29 Dec, payment is requested.

Letter: your note due – “please attend to it without delay.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1384 | Jan. 1, 1883 | Subscription Note | Woods, R.J., Secretary, Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of annual subscription ($12.50) falling due. |  |

Semi-annual subscription for half-year due -- $12.50

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| G 8700 | A - 1387 | Dec. 30, 1882 | Letter | Bain, A., Scottish Ontario and Manitoba  Land Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for a cheque today for $188.25 as the books close for the year today. |  |

“Can you give me cheque for $188.25 that I can deposit before 12 o’clock today when my books close for the year? Yours truly A. Bain

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| G 8700 | A - 1388 | Dec. 27, 1882 | bill | McMicken, G., R.E.L. and D. Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking for amount of indebtedness $1914.60. |  |

Printed form headed “The Real Estate Loan and Debenture Co.” JN owes instalment of $1700 and interest of $204 and acc interest of $10.60 due on 8 Dec = $1914.60

“Kindly let me have this amt at once as I do not wish to put any costs on you.” GMcM per J AP

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| G 8700 | A - 1391 | March 16, 1883 | Receipt | Ross, Killam and Haggart | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $129.00 re Interest on mortgage, British Canadian Loan and Insurance Co. |  |

Receipt: Received from JN $129 re Interest on mortgage to Br Can Loan & Inv Coy

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| G 8700 | A - 1392 | March 29, 1883 | Letter [copy of] | Norquay, John to Egan | City (Winnipeg) | Egan, James M. Supt. C.P.R. | Re: Location of station at Darlingford. | Copy |

Copy: “My dear Mr. Egan: Availing myself of Mr. Van Horne’s kind promise to locate a station opposite Darlingford on the CPR SWestern Branch regarding which he said he would leave instructions I have now to request that you will locate a station on the NW ¼ of 7.3.7West. I find on enquiry that the owners of 8 will do nothing but sell & want a high figure which would involve my friends in a heavy responsibility who are loth to assume such with money so tight as it is at present. Yours faithfully J Norquay”

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| G 8700 | A - 1393 | Nov. 20, 1882 | Letter | W.D.P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Confidential letter on politics. | 3 pp. |

on stationery of Waverley Hotel: “I have not the honour of your acquaintance … I am a NBr have no vote and not much interest in Manitoba Politics but out of curiosity I attended the meeting of the Southern Division of Winnipeg electors …Conservative just to see how they do things ‘political’ in this country….The platform is Sir John A. Macdonald right or wrong.” My impression is they intend to defeat you.

“The country is just now largely excited over disallowance, …” It’s inadvisable to dissolve the house at this time – “you will loose as the Conservative party will be divided.” But if you delay a little, send a delegation to Ottawa with 2 or 3 of your best businessmen such as Ashdown and place the matter before John A. You “will get such consideration as will be satisfactory for the time being” and the “lawyers who are now opposed to you will have to support you…”

During the last 2 months I “have had my eye and ear open, and it is impossible for you to carry the province just now. Time and a little stratagem I feel will save you….yours confidentially WDP

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| G 8700 | A - 1394 | Nov. 1882 | Letter | Setter, Colin C. | High Bluff, Man. | Nestaw [Brother-in-Law, Norquay, John] | Asking Mr. N. to draw some money for him on account of work done for the Government. |  |

“Dear Nestaw Mr Bubber the man that has my teams employed said that when the work was done that he would send me my time to Winnipeg he said that he would send it in care of you as the government had to pay for the ditch that he was working at so if you would enquire at the post office for the letter and open it & get the pay from C.P. Brown for me you would oblige me greatly. Yours Truly Colin C. Setter”

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| G 8700 | A - 1395 | Nov. 7, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing Thomas Smith, Solicitor from the Supreme Court of Scotland. |  |

Introducing Thomas Smith, solicitor for the Supreme Court of Scotland, intends to settle and act as lawyer in Manitoba. Strong letter of recommendation from Lord Elphinstone.

[Stationery of Canada North-West Land Company Limited, Toronto]

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| G 8700 | A - 1396 | May 5, 1882 | Telegram | Pope, J.H. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Asking for a suggestion as to what he is to do. |  |

“What do you suggest I should do”

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| G 8700 | A - 1397 | Sept. 23, 1882 | Letter | McDonald, James | Halifax, Nova Scotia | Norquay, John | Asking for Statutes of Manitoba and friendly remarks as well. Copy sent October 9, 1882. |  |

Friendly letter re “Martin” and his enthusiasm for MB, despite his personal setbacks due to the subdivision of his district – he tells me that you regretted the necessity for the measure which was so serious a blow to him and he expresses himself as satisfied that you will do what may in your power to lighten the blow to him. He went out early to Manitoba, and just before his appointment as Registrar, had got into some speculations which did not turn out as well as he could wish, and from which the proceeds of his office last year just enabled him to recover. He therefore feels the reduction in his income the more seriously. You must not suppose I write to urge upon you any step in the matter because I am quite assured that both for my sake and his own, you have every disposition to do all to promote Martin’s interests which your position and public duties will permit. I hope it is not inconsistent with his position for a judge away down here to wish you a safe delivery in your approaching Genl Election. I sincerely trust you may come out of the struggle successful – for your own sake & because I believe your success to be highly desirable in the interests of your great province….” [Joe Martin?]

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| G 8700 | A - 1399 | March 26, 1883 | Letter | Farrell, S.W. North British  Canadian Investment Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. |  |

Stationery: Registered office Glasgow, Canada office Toronto, Winnipeg office

“My dear Mr. Norquay Ruttan has been in, and he has seen Brock [unclear], they want all kinds of things, and I cannot engulph myself any further without serious danger.

We have concluded to ask you to get Darlingford declared, with the station on our property. I feel perfectly assured it is the best thing for all of us, and I hope you will get Mr. Van Horne to do this without delay.

I repeat, that this is our only safe course, you are involved and so are we and to go in deeper would be madness. I am faithfully yours, S. W. Farrell

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| G 8700 | A - 1401 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Letter | Gigot, E.F. | St. Francis Xavier, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Election matters. | Mended with scotch tape |

Dear Sir – I have been asked to run in this division and will support your government if elected “as far as your present programme indicates your policy, and I would ask your assistance. The requisition has already been signed by the most influential voters of the parish and I have no doubt of success.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1402 | March 1, 1883 | Postcard | Sheppard, W.B. Secretary Treasurer, Selkirk Club | City (Winnipeg) |  | Notice of a meeting on the 15 March. |  |

Meeting of club members “to consider the advisability of abandoning its political restrictions as to entrance of members. Please attend.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1403 | March 24, 1883 | Letter | Burridge, James | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Organ and Piano. |  |

Yours of 22nd to hand --- “I have the organ on hand and you may have it by sending for it but I am prepared to carry out the agreement made with you to take the organ in $50 to apply on purchase of a grand piano.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1404 | May 11, 1882 | Receipt | Bain, A. Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | For $50.00 re horse. |  |

Received $50 from Hon Mr Norquay being price received by him for one horse, the property of this company, sold at Shoal Lake MB.

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| G 8700 | A - 1405 | Nov. 10, 1882 | Letter | Carney, Thomas | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Political matters. |  |

Stationery of Carney House, Alex Davidson prop Emerson

After public meeting here, leading citizens urge strongly re-enacting all local charters before dissolving the House: “You are gaining strength every day. The Greenway party are disappointed in your taking so strong a stand In short you have taken the wind out of their sails Your letter to me had a good affect [sic] at the meeting.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1406 | Nov. 10, 1882 | Letter | Chalmers, Robert S. | Emerson, Man. |  | Re: Enacting of the E and N railway charters. |  |

I see hint in Times that you might dissolve house and call election before re-enacting the E & N charter. “Would not this be a mistake? Would not Greenway have a good card against you in that event? It would enable him to enlarge upon the fact that you had promised to call the Legislature together at once and re-enact but instead you had dissolved the House and asked the country to sustain you in the face of a broken promise.” You could sweep the country if you re-enact. “I hope you will keep up the good feeling that now exists and you are sure of the country.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1408 | Feb. 5, 1883 | Letter | Cory, T. | Gladstone, Man. | Brown, Hon. C.P. | Asking for money on account. |  |

To C P Brown – “Forgive my importunity but I am cursed hard up trusting to have got my cash from govt before this I gave notes that are now about due amt to about $600 cannot you divine some scheme to let me have it by next mail do like a good fellow or I shall be in a bad fix and no mistake about it whatever.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1409 | [1883] | Broad Sheet printed | Corregan, T.H. | Rat Portage, Man. |  | His platform before the electors of Rat Portage. |  |

“Varennes: To the Electors of the Elector Division of Rat Portage or No. 30”

400 signed requisition pledging to vote for me. I will talk to all. I will seek early definition of “our eastern boundary.” I will seek city charter for Rat Portage. I will seek immediate settlement of mining claim titles on Lake of the Woods. And to develop “our extensive lumbering and milling interests.” And seek control of “all our unalloted public lands.[sic]”

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| G 8700 | A - 1410 | Feb. 6, 1883 | Letter | Gillis, J.D. | Minnedosa, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Timber limits. |  |

Stationery – merchant – “I wrote you some time ago for the name in which you wanted the deed of three lots made out but I suppose you have overlooked it in the heat of the campaign. The Judge left the memo you sent by him with Ramsay the Banker and he is away in St. Paul and we cannot find it. There is a good thing to be got hold of in a mill and two limits for ten or twelve thousand down and two years for balance. I believe it could be sold next June for double the money and if it is [?] there can be ten thousand dollars a year made out of it after this year. It being late in the season there could not be so much if you would like to take a hold of it or know of any person that would I could arrange it for you. There are some others after it now but I have advised the party to hold for a few weeks and he has promised to do so. Would it be asking too much for you to call on Stephenson the timber inspector and ask him to appoint Geo Black as deputy in case he dismiss McNeil which I think he will do as a petition has been sent in to have him removed and Black deserves all consideration being a poor man he refused good inducements from Glass at the election and rendered us good service as he has a good deal of influence among the farmers and I think we should not neglect those who have been faithful to us throughout. Yours truly…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1411 | Feb. 14, 1883 | Letter | Merchants' Bank  of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Returning note for endorsation. |  |

Herein returned for endorsation C P Brown’s cheque on Bank of Montreal for $250.

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| G 8700 | A - 1412 | Feb. 24, 1883 | Letter | Macdonald, Edward | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Extending the boundaries of the town of Portage la Prairie. Note re: reply by Norquay on reverse. | 2 pp. |

Proprietor of Marquette Flour Mills, Portage – eastern part of Portage County have petitioned for the formation of a new county – because considerable outlying property is owned by Portage ratepayers, and they say if the town were to extend its boundaries to include certain subdivided properties that by taking these subdivisions into the corporation the necessity for separation would not exist. Portage is willing to extend its boundaries to include these subdivisions. Please delay voting until after the next session of the House.

Norquay writes on back: “Acknowledge the receipt and say that the people in the eastern part of the county are apprehensive of being saddled with an expensive bonus which it is understood the people of Portage are eager to assume and as the Portage town would be advantaged especially[,] they wish to keep clear of the responsibility. In the meantime the petition has been referred back by the member to secure some change in the limits. Yours etc JN”

Another annotation: Answered 28 Feb ‘83

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| G 8700 | A - 1413 | Feb. 1, 1883 | Postcard | Pinkham, W. Cyprian, Secretary of Synod | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Mission Board. |  |

Important meeting of Mission board – consider placing clergymen at Gladstone and Qu’Appelle, hear report of deputation to Rapid City

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Prince Rupert’s Lodge, AF&AM, ballot re initiates and affiliate members

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| G 8700 | A - 1415 | Jan. 27, 1883 | Letter | McDougall, A. | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Elections. |  |

Your letter of 10th received. I spoke at nomination meeting against Greenway’s views and platform. Regret you weren’t elected. No surprise – “You had not time to canvas the field thoroughly, you had a most unscrupulous opponent, and I have not the least doubt that with lavish expenditure of money and more lavishness in promises, he was enabled to roll up a majority, which he could not otherwise have done.” He got many votes in Crystal City – “something of a strong local character was at work. “Even your professed friend Rogers of Clearwater canvassed and voted against you, and the Registrar at Clearwater made himself conspicuously officious to secure the election of his patron….” Reformers claim that govt officials should take no part in elections – if I ran things I would give a ticket of leave to all dissatisfied officials and replace them by men who would attend to their duties and not work against their employers.

I’m glad you won – that “political mountebank” Greenway is “an egotistical windbag” – “he will do his very best to annoy you and waste a great deal of precious time with his long winded speeches…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1416 | Feb. 5, 1883 | Letter | Sheppard, Joseph | Georgina, Ont. | Norquay, John | Congratulations on result of elections. Note re: reply  by Norquay on reverse. |  |

Congratulations on election victory, sorry you couldn’t give Greenway “the humiliation of being defeated in his own stronghold.”

Norquay answer on back: “Acknowledge receipt and thank him for the kindly interest he takes in the success of myself & Government”

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| G 8700 | A - 1417 | Feb. 8, 1883 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking to have enclosed executed. |  |

Please execute “enclosed deed to L W[?] Farrell & myself. Hope you are fully yourself again.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1418 | Feb. 9, 1883 | Memo | From Dept of Agric and Statistics | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Names of different managers of American roads. |  |

“Memorandum for Mr Norquay” names and addresses of general managers of major railways – T W Teasdale of Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis and Omaha; J S Merrill of Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul; T B Reeve of Chicago & Grand Trunk, and James Hickson of the Grand Trunk

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| G 8700 | A - 1419 | Feb. 28, 1883 | Letter | Prud'homme, L.A., Barrister | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Petition of the electors of St. Clements re separation for municipal purposes. Note re: reply by Norquay on reverse. |  |

Stationery of law office Royal & Prud’homme Winnipeg

Petition of electors of St Clements to separate for municipal purposes: “The river divides them from the other part of the county and they would like to have the matter done now so as to be in time for the preparation of the assessment roll.

“My contestation is served on Goulet. He came to see me yesterday about it and wanted me to make a compromise which I refused.”

JN annotation on back: “I received your petition & referred the matter to Atty General’s dept for report. There are not sufficient names & they seem only to be from that part of the territory in and around East Selkirk. I fear under the circumstances the Govt would not be justified in acceding to the request of the petitioners. Yours truly J Norquay”

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| G 8700 | A - 1420 | Feb. 13, 1883 | Letter | Nash, W. Hill, Mayor | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Enclosing petition from the corporation of the town of Emerson. | No Enclosure |

Encloses petition from Corporation of town of Emerson – re duty on lumber

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| G 8700 | A - 1421 | Feb. 23, 1883 | Letter | Parr, John | Lothair P.O., Man. | Norquay, John | Asking information re lane. Shorthand note on reverse. |  |

Thanks for your letter – “glad to hear of Woodworth goeing to assist you all he can…” [sic] “Can you give me some information how we will manage to get a herd law here so as I will be legal? also if we can build bridges over the worst coolies we are in a bad state here cannot do anything hoping this won’t be too much trouble… I remain, Your John Parr”

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| G 8700 | A - 1422 | Feb. 13, 1883 | Letter | McDonnell, John | Carberry, Man. | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. Donald McKinnon of Carberry. Note re: reply by Norquay on reverse. |  |

Introducing Donald McKinnon of this place

JN annotation: “There has been such a howl about the Brandon affair that the Govt will not take any further action in the matter unless the legislature decides so. JN”

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| G 8700 | A - 1423 | March 19, 1883 | Letter | Van Horne, W.C., General Manager C.P.R. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: The Selkirk branch if contractors complete their work in time line will be open by 1 July. |  |

Re your note of 16th – “If the parties who have undertaken the grading of the Selkirk line complete their work in time we will certainly have the track laid from Winnipeg to Selkirk by the 1st day of July. If they fail, we will, of course, be obliged to ask the municipalities of St Andrews and Selkirk for a sufficient extension of time to cover their default.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1424 | March 1, 1883 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Amount of account rendered $3.45. |  |

Wpg Drug Hall – to amt a/c rendered $3.45

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| G 8700 | A - 1425 | March 4 and 12, 1883 | 2 Copies of draft Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Thompson, Mr. | Re: Personal matters. Incomplete. | Copy 2 pp. |

March 4: “My dear Mr Thomson Your very kind and welcome letter of the 17th ult with extracts from your son’s letter is just to hand.” Thanks for your interest in my success. I hope you get to meet Mr Bannatyne – “a prince of good fellows & no name stands higher in this province for probity & honesty …& the best of it nobody envies him the reputation he has built up nor the fortune he has acquired. Captain Kennedy your old friend is beginning to show signs of decay but the old fire flames up now and again still, despite his weakness.”

March 12 -- same first page, another draft – then: “I hear very often from parties around the Portage of your son and he is highly spoken of by everybody….

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| G 8700 | A - 1426 | Feb. 17, 1883 | Letter | Thompson, James | Quoys, So Ronaldshay Orkney, Scotland | Norquay, John | Letter of congratulations generally - on election - on his position. |  |

“My dear Mr Norquay I’m delighted with news of your election on 22 Jan “by a very decided and triumphant majority…” This “has indeed given myself and all friends here very great satisfaction …” – congratulations. “The great progress and prosperity which has been made by your Province since you first became its Premier has not been equalled in any other part of the Dominion, or the United States and it is most devoutly to be hoped for that during your present term of office this condition of things may be marked by even still greater prosperity…”

Our nephew went to NZ – “I think he made a very great mistake – his three years experience of NZ has certainly not been of the most pleasant kind, and no prospect of any improvement. His father left him considerable money and so appears he wants to keep the world easy.”

“I am glad to say that our dear boy took a great liking to the country since he first entered it and as time wears on it would appear to strengthen, he has already done much better than he could possible done here for many years – [sends extract from son’s letter of 12 Jan – see following]

“I may here mention that I had a very precious letter some time ago from my dear old friend Capt. Kennedy on different subjects and was truly sorry to learn that his health is now so very much affected by rheumatism & that too without much prospect of recovery. I would imagine that his polar expeditions of some 30 years ago have had something to do in causing this. I may here remark if there is any earthly wish more another I would have gratified, it would be a personal interview with this worthy ‘dear old man,’ & that too of his honoured friend & our countryman the Premier of Manitoba and sometimes wonder if this wish shall ever be gratified!!It is not quite impossible.

I am now advised that Mr. A.G.B. Bannatyne has been for some time in London and that he may be expected in Orkney further on in spring. Should I have the pleasure of seeing him here I shall do no less than point out to him, where at once stood the home of your forefathers finely situated in close proximity to the Pentland Firth.

I shall now close with earnest wishes for your continued prosperity together with that of your good lady & family. And believe me yours very faithfully James Thomson

P.S. Our second son John will proceed to Manitoba in the course of two months or thereby & I believe the rest will follow as they grow up.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1427 | Jan. 12, 1883 | Letter Extracts | Thompson, James | Orkney, Scotland | Norquay, John | Re: Election matters. |  |

**Extract of letter from Thomson’s son in Portage la Prairie district enclosed [and filed separately with its own cover letter from Dept of Provincial Treasurer:**

12 Jan 1883 “There is now a very great excitement here at present on account of the elections and I am very glad to say that the Hon. Mr. Norquay’s claims are very much greater than they were 6 weeks ago. People have calmed down and begin to look at things in their proper lights. Very few indeed will deny that there is not another man in this Province who could fill the position as our highly honoured countryman does – if I had one thousand votes I would give him every one. Mr. W.R. Black son of the late Rev. Dr. B Kildonan & one of the first lawyers in this town is standing for the constituency as a supporter of Mr Norquay, with every chance of success. I am well acquainted with Mr. Black & feel sure he would make an excellent member. C Hay is in the field for Norfolk Co & a week ago informed me was sure to win. My old friend Mr. Gigot is standing for St. F. Xavier with no opposition. All the above goes in for supporting the Norquay Government – and the Conservative party. I hope they may succeed.”

About Alick his cousin he says:

“On the 22nd Dec I recd a short letter from Alick written on board the ‘R.M.S. Zealander’ & posted in Honolula [sic] the first after parting with him in Winnipeg. Long ere now he will back in his old whare [sic] in Taranaki, what his reflections are I cannot tell but they cannot be very pleasant – his trip meant one year’s labour lost besides #500 spent and very little satisfaction for either. He could have done very well had he remained here but he did not mean to put his hand to work. A man who comes here expecting to make money without labour had better retrace his steps as fast as steam can carry him even Capitalists cannot remain idle they have got their various duties to perform. Well if this trip has taught him any experience I trust he will profit by it.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1428 | Feb. 24, 1883 | Letter & Copy | Woodworth, J.E., M.P.P. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Site for the Western Judicial Buildings. | 4 pp. |

Woodworth writes on Russell House stationery: ‘My Dear Sir I thought perhaps you might be here before I left but as I think of getting away very soon, will write you a few lines, I believe you will give the matter of site for the western judicial buildings your careful consideration and act in harmony with the unanimous recommendation of the Court House board that the site be on Sec 24 Brandon. The site selected is a beautiful one and the most desirable out of all Brandon and the water the best in Brandon. I have offered all the land required free from cost. I trust to have the pleasure of seeing you soon on this and other matters. I have the Honor & am your obedient servant

J E Woodworth

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| G 8700 | A - 1429 | Feb. 14, 1883 | Letter | Meagher, J.W., Keewatin Mining Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Captain Allan and himself have decided to allot Mr. N. and Mr. B. $75,000.00 worth of stock. Note by Norquay on reverse. |  |

Stationery KMC: JN President, John Allan Secy-Treas 14 Feb 1883

Dear Sir Capt Allan & myself have fully considered the question in re stock & have decided to allot you & the Hon C. P. Brown, seventy-five thousand ($75,000) dollars par value of the K.M. Co’s stock, each. Trusting this will be deemed an equitable apportionment, I have the honor to remain, yours respectfully, J W Meagher

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| G 8700 | A - 1430 | Feb. 27, 1883 | Letter | Abbott, Mr. | House of Commons Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Morton Dairy Farm Co. | Torn |

“I have no interest in the Morton Dairy farming Co though I hold the position of President merely to oblige some friends. I have however transmitted to them your letter respecting Mr. Alexander and I am sure your recommendation will have the greatest possible weight.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1431 | 1883 ? | Memo | From secretary? | [No Location] |  | Combination figures [lock]. |  |

“Books indexed to 13 October

“Other orders in right hand pigeon hole

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| G 8700 | A - 1432 | 1883 | Draft Letter in pencil |  | [No Location] | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Re: T.R. Camerons Coal Mine. Incomplete. | Copy |

“My dear Sir John J.R. Cameron and others are applying for authority to go on and work a coal mine that they have been working since the first week of December last & from which they have already taken about 200 ton of coal. They have now several tons of coal at the end of the CPR track and have teams still employed in fetching coal there. They appear to have some displayed [sic] considerable energy & enterprise & all they seek is that the Govt will recognize their claim to the discovery & operation of the mine to an extent that they will feel warranted in prosecuting their work as it would be a great loss to them if after they have expanded largely in the development of the mine they would find that other parties would come in and deprive them of any advantage they might reasonably expect through priority of operation & discovery. I know the parties well & should feel very grateful indeed if you would give them the assurance that they would be protected in their enterprise to the extent that so far as the same had been prosecuted without contravening the law. This is the same property that Scott & Woodworth have been interesting themselves in on behalf of J R Cameron”

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| G 8700 | A - 1433 | March 15, 1883[see 23 March]1437 | Draft? Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | MacDonald, Sir John A. | Private letter on matters of state. |  |

In JN’s hand, initialled at bottom – frank – it looks complete and ready to be mailed -- I wonder if secretary did copy it out in good hand and send it on to JAM? or whether this was just blowing off steam? Or did he just decide not to send it?:

“My dear Sir John: I trust you will be able to give some attention to the dispatch Mr. Aikens sent last week relating to the financial affairs of the Province. For my part I am getting heartily sick of the continued begging for a little to carry on Govt in Manitoba & if I am to judge by the reluctance with which our requests have been met & the cheeseparing generosity extended to us I would say that you must also be tired of subject. I was awfully disappointed at Sir Leonard’s & your remarks last year in the negotiations that had just closed stating that both LaRiviere & myself understand that the pittance then advanced closed the subject for the next ten years. Such an uncalled for statement not only injured the prospects of friends in the federal elections but also was the hardest charge that I had to face during the recent local elections. I intend to summon our House shortly & if I hear nothing regarding the dispatch sent last week I’ll conclude you intend to leave us to work out our welfare without any more subsidy & shall act accordingly. Yours sincerely J. Norquay [signed formally as if to be sent]

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| G 8700 | A - 1434 | Feb. 20, 1883 | Receipt | Hope, D., Secretary A.F. & A.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $9.00 dues. |  |

JN paid $9 for dues on 27 Dec 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1435 | July 12, 1883 | Letter | Meagher, Mr., Keewatin Mining Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing minutes of meeting as requested and asking to have them returned. | No Enclosure |

Dear Norquay I herewith enclose the minutes as requested. Please amend, alter or expunge as you may deem expedient, and return at your earliest convenience….

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| G 8700 | A - 1436 | Feb. 15, 1883 | Letter | Prud'homme, S.P. | St. Boniface, Man. | Sherwood, L.P. | Asking for payment of a bill for registrar in Selkirk. | In French |

To L P Sherwood, inspector of public offices Sir: I am authorized to ask you who is obliged to pay for the ‘entretien’ of the Selkirk ‘bureau d’enregistrement’

Prud’homme is the greffier MSB

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| G 8700 | A - 1437 | March 23, 1883 | Letter draft | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Macdonald, Sir John A. | Re: Financial situation of Man. Gov't. | Copy 2 pp. |

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“My dear Sir John I hope your Govt will take steps during the present session to place Manitoba on a sound [proper][crossed out] financial footing for delay in the matter will only create complications & give rise to issues which it would be much better to avoid. I do not say this as an alarmist [nor as a threat] [crossed out] but necessities of such a nature are forced upon us by the unprecedented development of the country that call for larger outlays not only of an ordinary character but also of a nature for which the Province is entirely unprovided. The fact seems to be lost sight of that Manitoba is being developed differently from any other province simultaneously in every accessible portion of the province settlement is going on at a rate for which history furnishes no precedent and that by a class of citizens accustomed to the enjoyment of institutions of the most perfect and approved character who naturally are clamorous for the extension to them here of every accommodation furnished by the several provinces they have left if from Eastern Canada & no less exacting if from the Old Country. Were we a community developing slowly under a natural process things would be different with us but there are so many agencies actively in operation all tending to the settlement of the territory that a state of circumstances is brought about for which a precedent would be sought in vain. If Manitoba were not the creature of the Dominion & this state of affairs due to her own action, I would think it unfair to trouble Canada for assistance, but our case being so different from that of any other province & being made so by Canada and the agencies that Canada has set in motion entitles us to special & exceptional consideration.

[following crossed out]: [I would hate to see the present dissatisfaction aggravated by apathy on the part of the federal Govt when a reasonable concession is eagerly looked for by all classes of the community] and why there should be any further delay in doing by the province what is fair and just is to friends [as well as opponents: crossed out] of the Govt inexplicable. We consider our contributions to the general treasury fairly entitle us to more generous treatment at the hands of the Govt as a province than we have hitherto received. I trust your Govt will give the memo sent by Lieut Govr Aikens serious consideration as the action of our Legislature which will be called for despatch of business shortly will be largely influenced by the manner in which the questions treated therein are dealt with by you.

[crossed out]: “I have hitherto refrained from making the negotiations between the federal & Manitoba Govts public if the intermittent concessions we have obtained may be dignified by such a term, & the result has been a very imperfect knowledge of our position in Canada. In fact I feel satisfied that were our position better known remedial legislation & executive action would be immediately called forth to forever do away with the anomaly.]

Hoping that you will have a successful session & that you will not overlook Manitoba’s claims.

I remain yours very sincerely J Norquay [his hand throughout?]

If you intend doing anything I will go down [crossed out: but if not cui bono]

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| G 8700 | A - 1438 | Jan. 11, 1883 | Letter | Whitcher, A.H., Dominion Lands Office | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Enclosing letters patent. | No Enclosure |

Encloses letters patent, please sign and return

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| G 8700 | A - 1439 | Jan. 19, 1883 | Certificate of Election | Howard, Rice M. Clerk of Executive Council | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Election by acclamation in St. Andrews. |  |

JN, of the parish of St. Andrew’s, elected by acclamation in St Andrew’s electoral division

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| G 8700 | A - 1440 | July 4, 1883 | Letter | Bank of Ottawa J B Munk | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Calling Mr. N.'s attention to past due note $1000.00 made by E.P. Leacock, G.B. Spencer, himself and  Colonel Kennedy. |  |

“I beg to call your immediate attention to Past Due note $1000, made by E.P. Leacock, J.B. Spencer, yourself, & W.N. Kennedy endorsed by Hon. C. P. Brown. Kindly have this attended to at once.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1441 | July 10, 1883 | Letter | Norquay, Thomas [brother] | Virden, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Family matters. | 2 pp. |

My Dear John Mr. Ogilvie & Mr. McGaw his manager arrived at this place by express yesterday evening to see what inducements there were here for putting up an elevator. I had the pleasure to drive out through the country south with Mr. Ogilvie and a fine jolly fellow he is. I spent a most enjoyable time. He told me many amusing anecdotes in which he and you were the principal actors. For instance the breaking of the spring at Minnedosa and making a poplar sapling do instead

Another: The attempt to go through the marsh or slough at St. James. In telling it he said that he attempted to walk on the pole to unhitch the horses (or something like that) and before he was aware he was into the muck up to the head. I asked ‘did John laugh’ Yes d---- him and what do you think he did next. Why he stripped off his plants shoes &c and waded to the shore, from whence he appeared to enjoy the scene.

He also gave me a graphic account of the new member for Montreal being introduced to the Speaker on Friday night. I can just imagine the time you fellows had. They have gone North West from here this morning, intending to be back in time to take the train for the East. This will be a good place for an elevator. Whether there will be enough grain to be marketed here this fall to justify the expense of course I do not know. But I feel certain from what I hear that there will in the neighbourhood of 250,000 bushels marketed if an elevator is erected here.

When I received your letter re the trip West I felt awfully pleased. I hope you will extend the like invitation when you do go. In fact I shall the [?] invitation good and our trip only adjourned. It is just such a trip I intended to take as soon as I could afford it. I am quite well I hope you and family are the same.

Write and tell me how you all are also any other news you may think would be interesting to me. I am happy that the session is over and you are still sustained, in fact Mr. Ogilvie assures me that after Friday night’s speeches you are stronger than ever such is the earnest wish of

Your affectionate Brother Tom

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| G 8700 | A - 1442 | Jan. 17, 1883 | Letter | McDonald E. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Mesnor, A. | Asking him to support Mr. N. |  |

Handwritten pencil scrawl: “A Mesnor Esq Dear Sir This will be handed to you by the Hon John Norquay and as he is a great friend of mine and he is running in your riding I hope you will see fit to give him your support and do all you can for him for I believe that it is in the interest of the country that we have a Conservative government in Manitoba if you do so I will take it as a personal favour – I was elected mayor for Portage La Prairie Monday last – Have you heard anything from the government about the post office for your son I meant recommending him for postmaster. Hoping to hear good results, I remain, yours truly E McDonald

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| G 8700 | A - 1443 | Jan. 11, 1883 | Receipt | MacDougall, J. | St. Andrews, Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt for $25.00 which accompanied nomination  papers. |  |

Received from Hon J Norquay $25 accompanied with nomination papers as required by section xcviii of “An Act respecting the Legislative Assembly” J Macdougall Returning Officer

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| G 8700 | A - 1444 | March 1, 1883 | Receipt | Whitehead, William & Co. Druggists | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Receipt for $1.25. |  |

Receipt for mixtures 22 Feb paid $1.25

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| G 8700 | A - 1445 (a) | March 26, 1883 | Letter | Winks, Geo. | City (Winnipeg) | McTavish, J.H., Land Dept. C.P.R. | Re: Land in Darlingford. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1445 (b) | March 26, 1883 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Winks, Geo. | Reply to inquiry re: Land in Darlingford. | Copy |

George Winks, Banker and Broker, Winnipeg, to J H McTavish [Land Department CPR Wpg]“Kindly report any progress you have made in your Town Site as mentioned to you before I have a small interest in the only good portion near ‘Calf Mountain’ viz n ½ SW ¼ 8.3.7W 480 acres. This is a splendid Ry Table Land and suited every way for a city of some importance indeed nothing like it for Portion being high & dry soil A! report & oblige Private Geo Winks”

**On back**: “26 March 1883 JHMcTavish to Winks [copy of reply]

Dear sir Your note received N ½ & SW ¼ 8.3.7 W1 to hand. I am afraid there will be a difficulty in doing anything in this matter as we are already committed to the Darlingford people to place station on NW ¼ 7 and SE ¼ 18. However the Hon Mr. Norquay will call upon you and any arrangements you may make with him will be satisfactory to our company. I am leaving for the east in the morning or I should see you myself on the subject.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1445 (c) | March 26, 1883 | Copy of Letter | McTavish, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Van Horne, W.C. | Re: Darlingford land; Norquay knows our wishes. |  |

McT to Van Horne: “Winks has an interest in ¾ of 8.3.7 (Darlingford) see his note attached. Shall I reply to him that Norquay knows our wishes in the matter and will arrange terms on which we will place station on 8? Norquay can get half interest in the three quarters. J H McTavish”

Scrawled across this letter: “Yes W.C.V.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1445 (d) | March 26, 1883 | Letter | McTavish, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford Land. |  |

“Dear Norquay Geo Winks has an interest in three quarters of 8.3.7 See his letter attached with my reply. Be stiff & I’ve no doubt you can get a half interest as well as right of way and station ground for CPRy free. Get also interest in SE ¼ of 18 and south half of 17. I don’t know the owners Return me Winks letter. J.H. McTavish”

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| G 8700 | A - 1446 | March 5, 1883 | Collection Notice | Ross, Killam and Haggart | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Payment of interest on mortgage, British Canadian Loan Co. | Torn |

To Norquay – form with blanks filled in: The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company has placed in our hands an account of interest due on a mortgage for $129. Please pay at once or we will place the matter in suit.

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| G 8700 | A - 1447 | March 21, 1883 | Letter | Girard, M.A., Senate | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Resignation as Minister of the Cabinet. |  |

Dear Mr Norquay I have been waiting, expecting from day to day, some information on my resignation, as a member of your government; it has not come yet, but Mr. Larivière [sic] has told me that it has been accepted, to date from the last day of January. When I left you at the end of December, leaving in your hands my resignation’s papers, I understood that you would have no serious objection to my continuation into office till the appointment of my successor. I told you that I had no right to insist but if it was done, I would be very much satisfied, indeed, it is very possible that I have not rendered you great services, but I have done my best efforts to serve you in the interest of the country, and it there is not great actions d’éclat, you will not find a circumstance where I have hesitated to help you; it seems to me for many reasons that I remember, and that you may remember that for the time that my resignation has not been accepted, I am entitled to my fees of office.

There is that. Soon now you will be saddled with a session which will be a memorable one, and I hope that you will have the chance to get out safely for yourself and advantageously for the country.

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| G 8700 | A - 1448 | March 28, 1883 | Letter | Harrison, D.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking to send copy of the Land Act he left on his desk. |  |

“The copy of the Land Act – Mr. Brown so kindly gave me I left on your desk – Would you please send it to me at Newdale P.O. as I am very anxious to go over it carefully. The more I think that clause over in reference to our School Lands – the more strongly incensed I feel – I would leave no stone unturned to prevent it going into operation in Manitoba. WE had better fight it now -- than later on – as fight it we must and I am sure the House will sustain you in your endeavours. I am yours truly D.H. Harrison

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| G 8700 | A - 1449 | March 19, 1883 | Letter | Pennefather, John P., M.D. | Norquay, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Lunatic Asylum. |  |

My dear Mr Norquay I am sorry to have missed seeing you again before returning home. I observe by the Ottawa notes that the question is mooted [?] – to divide the lunatics and prisoners at Stony Mountain. As I mentioned to you the appointment of medical officer for Manitoba would be very acceptable to me. And if you can grant it will take it as a great favour.

Being entirely conversant with asylum details both as to medical treatment and management, I would gladly give my services to the establishing of the proposed institution gratuitously. Hoping you will not think that I am trespassing on our acquaintance & knowing my reason for desiring to get into a city, I remain,

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| G 8700 | A - 1450 | March 20, 1883 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. [J.F. Ruttan and Co Real Estate] | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Asking if anything has been settled and stating their note for $8000.00 falls due on Thursday. |  |

“Re Darlingford: Dear Mr. Norquay: Has anything been settled? Our note ($8000) is due on Thursday.

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| G 8700 | A - 1451 | Feb. 21, 1883 | Postcard | Bernier, T.A. Registrar, University of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of a meeting of the Council on 1 March. |  |

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| G 8700 | A - 1453 | Jan. 15, 1883 | Circular Letter | Cole, George F. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) |  | Memo: Re: Mr. Alexander. Engineering Manufacturers. | No Cover |

Ad for company selling mining machinery – annotation on page: “Morey Sperry c/o New York Quotations given Alliver at Rat Portage” [spellings?]

Memo on Manitoba Club pad attached to above: “Mr Alexander requests me to write JJC Abbott largely interest in Morton Dairy farm Co to request his influence on his behalf as Genl Manager”

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| G 8700 | A - 1454 | Jan. 26, 1883 | Letter | Douglas, C.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Provincial printing contract. | No Cover 2 pp. |

My dear Mr Norquay I was disappointed in not having an opportunity today to have a chat with you in regard to the contract for the Provincial Printing, and lest something may be done about the matter before my return from Brandon on Monday evening next …. I spoke to Atty General Sutherland on the matter…I need not refer at any length to the claims which The International has on the government. You will probably not forget that it stood by you when the *Times* and other papers had gone back on you, and although it was not able to send you a supporter from Emerson without doubt it did good work in allaying the feeling in Southern Manitoba against your Government, and in making the success of your candidates in that section more possible.

I need assistance badly.” No special favours – just “a little favouritism from you” – delay the opening of tenders – I missed the deadline while supporting Chalmers – give me a chance “to put in a tender a trifle lower than the lowest tender. I am in a position to do it cheaper than anyone, and must secure work somehow to keep my offices at Emerson and Brandon employed. By dating my tender back, no one but yourself and the Clerk of the Legislative Council would know anything about it, and you would be doing me a great favour and at the same time be saving the province money.

Telegraph me at Brandon “all right” – I’m sure Woodworth would see this as a personal favour, “as he is greatly interested in the success of the Brandon Mail….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1455 | Jan. 26, 1883 | Letter | Fraser, James, Clerk of Court, postmaster | Pilot Mound, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Election results. | No Cover 3 pp. |

“My Dear Sir The Battle is now over and we have lost the day, However I am not discouraged, his majority is more than I expected he would be able to get. They got so frightened in the last few days that all men and money could do was put into requisition They took the advantage of my absence in Lorne with you the last few days and bought up a few of our friends to stay at home they offered $100 dollars to two persons here to keep the half breed vote at home. I got the hint and spent all night on Monday to beat them, at last I had with the help of friends to take them here and lock them in my house until the poll opened, they were well organized and got every man out, and succeeded in polling 57 votes while I was sure 40 was all they could get; we had 46 for yourself. I had not assistance enough in this contest I may say I worked it up single handed in Louise. We had friends but they would not come out openly and work. Friend Rogers of Clearwater whom I depended on to the last went clean over and worked hard for the enemy the last few days. Silver Spring did well for us, but I was disappointed in one [sense?] Greenway sent a host of men there on Monday circulating all kins of rumors against you, which had its effect. St. Leon has not done what I expected. I fear Mesoner has not done his duty. Yours in haste James Fraser.

Norquay 244 Greenway 330

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| G 8700 | A - 1456 | Jan. 26, 1883 | Letter | O'Brien, W.D. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Election results. Newspaper clipping from Toronto 'Tribune' enclosed. | No Cover |

‘Private’ “Sir: I would have telegraphed my congratulations on your success in leading your party once more to victory, only that it might leak out that I done so with the Liberals here and then I would be denounced as a traitor….[Re] Martin from Portage la Prairie, or J.H. Bell from Springfield. They are both Liberals of the purest water, at least they were so while here. They are both good speakers and Martin was looked upon as a coming young man…. You will admit now I told you rightly about Nagle, and not to touch him with a forty foot pole. He has done his worst….

I hope and trust this will find you Mrs Norquay &c in the enjoyment of good health, leaving me and mine sprinkled with the same blessing. I remain dear Sir Yours very truly, W.D. O’Brien P.O. Dept.

[Enclosure:] newspaper clipping from *Toronto Tribune* “Ex-Justice Ryan of the question of Provincial Rights” : “Disallowance was the question of questions. It involved the very right of existence to the farmer in this country. (Vehement cheers)…. The federal government has no arbitrary right of that kind, otherwise provincial rights would be a ‘sham,’ as Sir John A. Macdonald once admitted, when it was his interest so to admit. The veto was intended to prevent an invasion or injurious interference with the federal constitution; or, in other words, to prevent each local parliament from transcending its prescribed limits. The Dominion Government could not properly disallow an act even because they regarded its provisions as unjust; that was for the people of the province affected by it to find out and correct. (Loud applause).

How achieve: get rid of Norquay “who have done little more than bow down and worship Sir John A. Macdonald and his government…..It was known how Mr. Norquay had been deceived in the past, or had consented to wrong arrangements.” Send Mr. Martin. “Be not alarmed either by impudent insinuations of treason. (Cheers). You have no idea of disloyalty to your Queen….

“But should you still fail; should those who gerrymander your electoral districts, barter the public lands for election bribes, create land and railway monopolies to rob you for generations to come, should those bad men by their really treasonable machinations defeat your honest purposes, then, and in that extreme case, remember you still have safety in the immortal principle that allegiance is due only to protection.

“The utterance of the last sentence caused the most enthusiastic cheering, in the midst of which Mr. Ryan left the platform.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1457 | Feb. 5, 1883 | Letter | Monkman, James | Peguis, Man. | Norquay, John | Private. | No Cover |

Private Dear John: Constable Peebles is sending a letter to Mr. Sutherland Attorney General about a case that he has already explained to you. I would ask you as a favour not to deal too harshly with the case without first acquainting Mr Muckle [??]

You can just come down anytime [connent??] for yourself. Jane is prepared to meet you with a good fresh whitefish they were bought especially for you and the sooner you come the better and make up your mind to stay all night. Duncan Sinclair wishes to give our Big Premier a shake of the hand. And hear him tell some more funny yarns.

Always yours truly Jas. Monkman

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| G 8700 | A - 1458 | Jan. 26, 1883 | Letter | Ogilvie, A.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Congratulations re election. | Torn No Cover |

My Dear Norquay Let me once more congratulate you upon carrying the province so splendidly as you have done I only got it this morning in the Gazette and have been waiting anxiously for two days, I do hope you may continue to be as successful in the future as you have been in the past and I am quite in hopes of seeing you here this winter.

J.A. Gemmill our friend in Ottawa is publishing the Parliamentary [part of page missing]…in better shape than usual [---] both of the Dominion & Provincial parliaments. Sir John takes 6 or 7 hundred copies for the members & the departments Mowatt for Ontario between 2 & 3 hundred Mousseau for Quebec a couple of hundred and I think that you should take at least 50 or 75 for your people the price is only two dollars per copy. … Again wishing you all success I am Your Old Friend A.W. Ogilvie

[shakier hand than earlier letters]

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| G 8700 | A - 1459 | Feb. 23, 1883 | Letter | Caron, A.P. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Private. Note re: Reply by Norquay on reverse. | No Cover |

stationery of Militia and Defence Canada “Private” “My dear Premier”

enclose request from “The librarian of Laval University of Quebec” – congratulations on success in elections – as I wired to you…

Norquay, in his own hand, drafts reply on reverse: “My Dear Mr. Caron Yours with enclosure from Librarian of Laval University just received. I shall give instructions that his request be complied with as far as we can. Many thanks for your kind congratulations. I hope you will have a successful session. Remember me to Pope, Bowell, &c. Yours sincerely, JN”

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| G 8700 | A - 1460 | 1883 [?] | Memo | re Capt Kennedy ‘83 | [No Location] |  | Re: Captain Kennedy. | No Cover |

“Memorandum re Capt Kennedy ‘83” is written on the back of a small scrap of paper:

on the front:

Capt Kennedy

1879 – Nothing

1880 – 187.50 Appointed PM 4 January 1879 [postmaster?]

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| G 8700 | A - 1461 | Feb. 27, 1883 | Letter | Black, W.R. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Private re: land claim. Reply by Norquay. | No Cover 2 pp. |

Stationery of Black & Cooper, barristers, Portage: “Dear Norquay Before you go to Ottawa I wd like [you] to let me know how you can do me a great favour.” Use your influence with Dept of Interior to grant a patent “to a mutual friend, Mr. R. W. Rossiter.” “He took up a quarter section SE ¼ Sec 27. T.13 R.19W, some four years ago. He has made large improvements & fulfilled all other conditions except that of residence. Now how can this be got over is the question. He can get affidavits probably alleging some good excuse if necessary but he would like to keep within the truth as much as possible….

PS: I enclose rec’t from C.C. Clark for the amount due on the suit ags’t you & Setter, by which you will sorrowfully learn that you still owe me $18.00 The note was 65.00 instead of $50.

**JN wrote rough draft on back, dated 1 March/83. A note on the other page says it was answered [no doubt in formal secretary’s hand] on 20 March 1883. Norquay’s rough draft:** “My dear Black Yours of the 27th ult received. With reference to R W Rossiter I shall do what I can both as a matter of duty & good will to old Ross although he is such a great old Grit which in the matter of friendship you know weighs very little with me. Yours truly J Norquay”

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| G 8700 | A - 1462 | [No Date] | Letter | Norquay, Bella | [No Location] | Papa [Norquay, John] | Private. | No Cover |

Very nice school-formal hand and glossy watermarked paper:

“My dear papa I am quite well and Nellie I did not take [Mellis’?] hat but do look out it it was put by the boy’s hats. I am not in want of anything just now thank you so now with love to you all at home. I remain your loving Bella

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| G 8700 | A - 1463 | Feb. 6, 1883 | Letter | Archibald, Howell  and Vivian | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Sinclair. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1464 | Feb. 21, 1883 | Letter | Archibald, Howell  and Vivian | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Sinclair. | No Cover |

The law firm has taken a mortgage from Sinclair and “have handed him one of your cheques for $250.00. The other one we return to you herewith, in order that the same may be made payable to our order….”

The second letter is a reminder to “either endorse the same [the $250 cheque] or make out another payable to our order.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1465 | Feb. 22, 1883 | Memo | Bedson, S.L. | Stony Mountain Penitentiary | Norquay, John | Re: Coal and timber lands. | No Cover |

‘My dear Norquay I am in receipt of a letter today from Ottawa & I think if you send the description of coal lands or mark on a map I can get it. Telephone me upon receipt of this. The timber limit is I think O.K.

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| G 8700 | A - 1466 | Feb. 8, 1883 | Letter | O'Brien, J. Sidney | Killarney, Man. | Norquay, John | Congratulations on election results. | No Cover |

Congratulate on triumph in election, Conservative party throughout Canada elated.

Sorry about Mr. Alexander’s defeat – “but I done all in my power to secure his election. During my canvass I found that Greenway and his agents had made false reports pertaining to Mr. Alexander’s actions in the local House, upon the question of disallowance, and the Grit howl of disallowance, together with several grievances which the settlers of this county had to contend with, has had the effect of turning over a large number of votes to the Grit party….Mr. F. Young the member for this county is Greenway’s tool, and by no means fit to represent this important county….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1467 (a) | Feb. 17, 1883 | Letter | Miller, James A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Government appointment. | No Cover 2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1467 (b) | Feb. 27, 1883 | Letter | Norquay, John | City (Winnipeg) | Miller, James A. | Re: Government appointment. |  |

“My dear Norquay You must pardon me thus formally troubling you but you are aware that I have been for five weeks hesitating about my professional arrangements and as I have had no salary to draw from and election expenses and household bills are considerable I must be up and doing. [I can’t wait until you return from Ottawa.]

If the proposition to accept the Att’y Genl’ship had not come from you and if Sutherland had not consented and asked me to let my name go with his firm, I would not have thought anything about it but in face of this and your telling me just before election when I saw Rockwood was hopeless – to go on and as soon as election was over that I would be appointed and a session held and Varennes opened, I had expected more to be done ere this. I may as well say (perhaps you know the same) that Sutherland and his friends say he will not resign but will hold out. Please before you go East let me hear something definite that I may govern myself accordingly. Faithfully yours James A. Miller

**Norquay’s draft reply, in his own hand: [10 days later]**

“Private” Winnipeg 27 Feb 1883 “My dear Miller I must apologize for not replying to your favour of the 17th earlier but as I did not start for the East so early as you anticipated I hope the delay has not been material. I regret very much the result in Rockwood & I fear from present appearances that if an election were to take place in Varennes the issue would be adverse to the Govt. I should like very much indeed if the Govt could avail itself of your eminent legal qualifications but till the coast is more clear than it is apparently at present, we shall have to wait – of this I may assure you that notwithstanding rumours you may hear Mr. Sutherland is prepared to tender his resignation whenever I deem it to the interest of the Govt to ask him to do so. Yours faithfully J Norquay

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| G 8700 | A - 1468 | Feb. 19, 1883 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Darlingford. | No Cover |

“It would have a good effect were you to write Mr. T. [?] asking him to declare Darlingford at once. He seems to be under the impression that we are treating with Manitoba City.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1469 | Feb. 28, 1883 | Letter | Stenson, A.E. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Judging at snowshoe races. | No Cover |

Hope you will agree to judge our St. George Snowshoe Club races next Saturday

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| G 8700 | A - 1470 | Feb. 24, 1883 | Newspaper clipping | Marquette Review? | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Great North-West Gift Enterprise. | No Cover |

Not relevant

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| G 8700 | A - 1471 | Jan. 3, 1882 | bill | Mulholland Bros.-- merchants | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |

Paints, putty, sandpaper, varnish, and a $39.30 “tool chest complete” –total owed $62.61

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| G 8700 | A - 1472 | March 11, 1882 | Letter | Lang, Robert | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: St. Peters patent. | No Cover |

Stationery of Dom Lands Office, Dept of Interior, Ottawa

“My dear Norquay I have mailed to you the patent for 7 St. Peters – and I also send to your care a small parcel to be handed to your favourite girlie at home – I don’t know her name or I should have sent a wee note with my present.

“You made a mistake in drawing the cheque on the Merchants Bank here. I changed it to Winnipeg but the manager said as it was not drawn on Winnipeg he would have to send it there.

“Will you kindly see that Robin has funds to meet it in Merchants.

“Hope you had a pleasant time & that ‘All is well’ with you.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1473 | Oct. 31, 1882 | Premium  Notice | Canada Life Assurance Co. | Hamilton,Ont. | Norquay, John | Premium. | No Cover |

Printed with blanks filled in: Hon. J. Norquay premium due on 3 Nov. Sum assured “$1000” – ½ year’s premium is $20.80

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| G 8700 | A - 1474 | March 1, 1882 | Letter | Dr. Harris, J.W. | Birtle, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Constable Flynn, Brandon and liquor permits. | No Cover |

Rein in the “zealous constable” in Brandon, O’Flynn – I ordered 5 gallons of rye whiskey, with permit, but he took it to his house, “after having opened and taken out over a gallon” – and sent me no word of this. I sent a man to Brandon to find the whisky. “I have to use all kinds of liquors in my profession and if I am going to have to wait all that length of time for a paltry thing like that I do not know what to do….Please send him some kind of an order for the passage of my drugs and liquors from Brandon to Birtle. I am going to commence an action against him for destroying or doing away with part of that last consignment….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1475 | Feb. 24, 1882 | Subscription Notice | Historical and Scientific Society Library | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Subscription renewal. | No Cover |

Annual subscription $3.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1476 | March 23, 1882 | Receipt | Dodd & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. Paid. | No Cover |

Pd for 2 prs ladies slippers, Dec. 5 purchased, 29 Dec. exchanged $3.50

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| G 8700 | A - 1477 | Oct. 5, 1882 | Receipt | Lion Life Insurance Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | For premium. | No Cover Mended Tear |

Received from J Norquay $120.73, ½ yearly payment on policy

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| G 8700 | A - 1478 | [No Date] | Circular Letter | Bessey, W.E., M.D. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Fire escape. | No Cover |

One-page ad for a fire escape system – basically a multi-knotted rope to extend from windows to ground.

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| G 8700 | A - 1479 | Feb. 17, 1883 | Letter | Black, George | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Next dance. | No Cover |

A note from the Selkirk Assemblies dancing club re the next “assembly” on Thursday 22 Feb – “I hope to see Mrs. & Miss Norquay & yourself down to it.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1480 | Feb. 27 ? 1883 (notation on back) | Letter | Colcleugh, Jas | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Selkirk sale of lots. | No Cover |

Queen’s hotel stationery, Wpg “My dear Norquay We have arranged for Friday next to take evidence in Selkirk Sale of Lots Toronto and trust it will suit your convenience. Will be up again Thursday evening. Your &c Jas Colcleugh”

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| G 8700 | A - 1481 | Feb. 18, 1883 | Letter | Colcleugh, Jas | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Lots 54 and 55. | No Cover |

“My dear Sir I rendered Matthewman last week a bill for $69.11 being 2/9th of the cost of survey and plan and registration of 54 & 55. He said he would refer to you before paying and hearing that you intended leaving shortly for Ottawa I was anxious that he should arrange for payment before you started as he will be leaving about the end of the month. I am very much in need of funds and will feel extremely obliged if you can conveniently arrange with him. Would like to have seen you before leaving but if not remember me to Ottawa acquaintances. Yours very truly Jas Colcleugh

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| G 8700 | A - 1482 | Feb. 16, 1883 | Letter | Laurance, Joseph | Clearwater, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Justice of Peace appointment. | No Cover |

Appoint me JP – I supported you – am “farmer & A general Stoorkeeper and well qualefide…” could help customers “in taking Affedaveys but they have all to go at Present to R. Rogers to get it don and Rogers tried his Best to defeat you on Election Day What We Want is a JP on hour side…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1483 | Feb. 22, 1883 | Letter | Matheson, John P. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: The selling of liquor in Rockwood. | No Cover |

Letterhead of Office of License Commissioners for the province of Manitoba

“Dear Sir I neglected talking to you this morning of another matter, though perhaps I should ask indulgence seeing that it’s a matter you should not be troubled with.

“I mean in regard to parties who are selling liquor in Rockwood, personally I took no action in voting or supporting the ‘Scott Act.’

“Can’t there by any means devised so that the ratepayers can get some benefit from the 3 or 4 saloons who are making money by selling liquor without a license…

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| G 8700 | A - 1484 | Feb. 28, 1883 | Letter | Minaker, J.M. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Justice of the Peace appointment. | No Cover |

I was supposed to have been made a JP, and J W Sifton said the apptmt had been made, and I paid the fee and took the oath but the Provl Secretary can find no record of the apptmt – how can I secure the apptmt?

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| G 8700 | A - 1485 | [ND – but note 1883 on back] | Receipt | Messner, Joseph | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Re: Payment to L.J.N. LaCasse. | No Cover - Torn |

“To Mr. Norquay Sir Please pay to Mr. L J N Lacasse the sum of five (5.00) dollars and oblige Yours truly Joseph Messner”

“Received from Mr. Norquay the above sum L J N Lacasse”

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| G 8700 | A - 1486 | April 26, 1885 | Telegram | Bedson, S.L. | Fish Creek via Clarke’s Crossing | Norquay, John | Re: Wounded. | No Cover |

“Wounded doing well nothing new during night Alick in good health S.L. Bedson”

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| G 8700 | A - 1487 | Oct. 31, 1882 | Invitation | St. Andrew's Society | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Hallowe'en celebration. | No Cover |

Society “will be unco weel pleased tae meet wi’ Members an’ their lady freens on Tuesday nicht 31st Oct at 8 o’clock in the Society’s Ha,’ ‘To haud their Hallowe’en/Fu’ blythe that nicht.’ Music, singing and dancing” [contrast with 1872 Morris]

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| G 8700 | A - 1488 | April 20, 1882 | Receipt | Bain, A. for Scottish Ontario and Manitoba Land Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Damaged wagon. | No Cover |

Received from Norquay $40.00, “being amount for which the damaged waggon belonging to this Company was sold by him.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1489 | May 18, 1882 | Mortgage Notice | British Canadian Loan and Investment Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Mortgage payment due. | No Cover |

JN owes $106.10 on mortgage

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| G 8700 | A - 1490 | March 1, 1882 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1491 | March 1, 1882 | Receipt | Donaldson, H.S. & Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1492 | Jan. 1, 1883 | Receipt | Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Semi-annual dues. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1493 | July 15, 1882 | Receipt | Caldwell, John F. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1494 (a) | Oct. 24, 1882 | Receipt | Davidson, Alex, Carney House | Emerson, Man. | Tuttle, C.R. | Accounts rendered and receipted. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1494 (b) | Oct. 24, 1882 | Receipt | Davidson, Alex, Carney House | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Accounts rendered and receipted. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1495 | [No Date] | Payment Request | Ontario Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Note for $600.00. | No Cover - Torn |
| G 8700 | A - 1496 | Sept. 9, 1881 | Receipt | Clements, George | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1497 | 1882 | Receipts | St. John's College, Ladies' School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Examination results: Ellen and Bella Norquay. Accounts. | No Cover 4 pp. |

**Miss E. Norquay**, Winter term 1882: board $35, plus English $5, French $3, Drawing $5, Music $8, Books .65, stationery .42, music $1.50, drawing materials $1.80, seat in church .50 total $5587, plus arrears of $60.72 = $116.59

**Miss Ellen Norquay IV class, Spring summer 1882 E. Cowley (Principal)**

Examinations: class II in Scripture and English Grammar, Reading, Writing, and class I in History, Geography, Elocution, Arithmetic and French

Conduct 17th of 31 among boarders, and 3rd of 14 in term’s English

**Bella Norquay, II class, Spring summer 1882 E. Cowley (Principal)**

Examinations: class III in Literature, Arithmetic, II in Scripture, English History, Grecian History, Elocution, Grammar, and I in Physiology, Astronomy

Conduct 3rd in 31 boarders, and 3rd in 5 in standing for term

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| G 8700 | A - 1498 | Aug. 1, 1881 Jan. 1, 1882 | Receipts | Manitoba Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Semi-annual dues. | No Cover 2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1499 | Jan. 19, 1882 Feb. 1, 1882 | Receipts | Whitla, R.J. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account and receipt. | No Cover  2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1507 | March 8, 1882 | Receipt | Montreal Livery Stables | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered for $5.00. Receipted. | No Cover |

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| G 8700 | A - 1500 | May 3, 1882 | Payment Request | Merchants' Bank of Canada | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Payment notice $927.40. | No Cover |

Your note for $927.40 comes due on 3 May 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1502 | June 1882 | Receipt | McNabb, A.T. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |

Pd $40.00 JN owes $4.05

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| G 8700 | A - 1504 | Feb. 19, 1883 | Receipt | County Court, Marquette West | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Black, Wm. R. | Ontario Bank vs Setter et al claim satisfied. ($75.00). | No Cover |

Ontario Bank vs. Setter et.al. “Received from Wm R. Black $75.00, being the amount required to satisfy the claim and costs…”

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| G 8700 | A - 1505 | Oct. 22, ? | Note due notice | Ontario Bank | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Note for $2000.00. | No Cover |  |  |  |

Your note for $2000 falls due on 22 Oct, when payment is requested. Frank A. Causwell

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| G 8700 | A - 1506 | July 19, 1882 | Receipt | Pruden, Edward | [No Location] | Norquay, John | Receipt for £10.00 for John Isbister. | No Cover |

Received from John Norquay a cheque of ten pounds of A K Isbister for John Isbister of St Paul’s sgd for John by Edward Pruden

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| G 8700 | A - 1507 | March 8, 1882 | Receipt | Montreal Livery Stables | Ottawa | Norquay, John | Account rendered for $5.00. Receipted. | No Cover |

13 Feb To Hack Pd. Landreville $1.00

14 Feb To Hack Gov General’s Ball $4.00 Rec’d payment $5.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1508 (a) | Jan. 23, 1883 | Tax Assessment | Town of Selkirk | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt re: St. Peters lot; St. Clements lot. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1508 (b) | 8 Feb, 1883 | Receipt | Town of Selkirk | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt re: St. Peters lot; St. Clements lot. | No Cover |

a)Assessment on Lot 7 St Peters $21.60

2/3 lot 61 St. Clements $148.50 (6.7 acres) Total $170.10

b)Taxes: Received payment 8 Feb 1883

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| G 8700 | A - 1510 | July 26, 1882 | Salary Account | Provincial Government of Manitoba | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Statement of account. | No Cover |

Norquay: 11 Jan Balance of salary 1881 $336.68

13 Jan $500.00

28 March $250.

1 April Member’s pay $400

1 May Salary $500

8 June Member’s pay &c $102.40

20 June Salary $150. $2239.08

Less Salary 1881 336.08

Less Indemnity and mileage 502.40

Amount salary drawn for 1882 $1400.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1511 | Jan. 17, 1882 | Receipt | Lucier, Antoine | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |

1 buggy whip payment rec’d $7.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1512 | Jan. 23, 1882 | Letter | Scarth, W.B. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Introducing W.R. Mulock. | No Cover |

Introduces W.R. Mulock, “one of the partners in the firm of Blake Kerr & Cassels of Toronto … an old friend of mine and ….”

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| G 8700 | A - 1514 | Nov. 10, 1882 | Letter | Ruttan, R.A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Personal. | No Cover |

Personal – stationery of Ruttan Real Estate Agents

“I am applying for the managership of the loan Co’y in which you Messrs Howell, Renwick and Whitcher are to be the directors and will take it as a great favour if you can help me to the appointment.”

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| G 8700 | A - 1513 | Dec. 1, 1881 | Receipt | Trott & Mitchell | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1515 | June [?] | Receipt | Rogers, James H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |

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| G 8700 | A - 1516 | May 4, 1882 | Letter | Rockwood Deputation | Stonewall, Man. | Norquay, John | Request for registry office, County Court and Gaol. | No Cover 2 pp. |

Stationery of Johnston Co Merchants – written by Thos [illegible] – deputation interviewed Govt today re “asking for territory outside the municipality” and seeking a registry office, and if a county court is granted, and cells for a gaol, could the latter two not be supported by a govt grant?

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| G 8700 | A - 1518 | June 10, 1882 | Receipt | Vaughan, A.H.[DLS] | Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John and Bedson, S.L. | Survey of 510 town lots in Selkirk. | No Cover |

Norquay and Bedson are being billed: “To survey of and planting boundaries to & making plan of 510 town lots in the town of Selkirk, @ $.60 = $306.00

“To cutting out 4 miles lines @ $15.00 60.00

$366.00

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| G 8700 | | A - 1519 | | Dec. 1, 1882 | | Receipt | | Wright & Arbuckle | | City (Winnipeg) | | Norquay, John | | Account rendered and paid. | |
| G 8700 | | A - 1520 | | Dec. 31, 1882 | | Receipt | | Whitla, R.J. | | City (Winnipeg) | | Norquay, John | | Account rendered. | |
| G 8700 | | A - 1521 | | Aug. 31, 1881 | | Receipt | | Whitla, R.J. | | City (Winnipeg) | | Norquay, John | | Account rendered. Reply signed J.N. | |
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| G 8700 | A - 1522 | Feb. 17, 1879 | Receipt | West, S.E. Davis House | City (Winnipeg) | Gov't. of Manitoba | Account rendered with explanations. | No Cover |

The provincial govt was billed by Davis House $67.80

S. E. West writes: “This account was got on the order of The Davis [illegible] Session of 1878 on which Mr. A. Begg has paid fifty dollars $50.00 S.E. West”

“I allowed this on his license money pending a settlement through Mr. Davis. [sgd] A Begg”

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| G 8700 | A - 1524 | Jan. 17, 1882 | Receipt | Brown, C.P. | [No Location] |  | Receipt for payment re mission to Ottawa re transfer of  Marshlands. | No Cover |

Scrawled memo: “$300.00 Received from Hon John Norquay the sum of three hundred dollars on acct of mission to Ottawa re transfer of marsh lands 17 Jany 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1525 | April 10, 1885 | Receipt | Gentes, Felix | St. Boniface, Man. | Norquay, John | Receipt for oats. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1526 | Jan. 7, 1882 | Receipt | Ashdown, J.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1527 | June 22, 1882 | Receipt | Bertrand, A.H. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1528 | March 31, 1882 | Receipt | Bishop & Shelton | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1529 | Nov. 27, 1882 | Receipt | Burrows, Acton Treasurer, Selkirk Club | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Subscription | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1530 | March 3, 1882 | Receipt | Bannatyne & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1531 | April 5, 1882 | Receipt | Blachford & Bros. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1532 | Feb. 26, 1883 | Receipt | Clements, George | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1533 | April 21, 1882 | Receipt | Chisholm Jones & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |
| G 8700 | A - 1534 | Nov. 13, 1882 | Receipt | Washburn, A.S. | City (Winnipeg) | Wellwood, J.W. | Re: Marriage license return. | No Cover 2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1536 | July 21, 1882 | Receipt | Gross, F. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | No Cover |

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| G 8700 | A - 1535 | May 13, 1882 | Receipt | Vaughan, A.H. to Colcleugh, James | Selkirk, Man. | Colcleugh, James | Re: Survey lots 54 - 55. | No Cover |

“To survey part Lots 54-55 $201.00

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| G 8700 | A - 1537 | June 30, 1879 | Receipt | Dominion Lands Branch | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Land purchase in County of Selkirk. | No Cover |

“Interim Receipt…Received from John Norquay …the sum of Six hundred & thirty one & 54/100 [$631.54] dollars scrip being in full payment of the undermentioned lands purchased by him: whole section 31, township 6, range 2 West 631.54 acres

[sgd] Geo Larcomb [?]

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| G 8700 | A - 1538 | July 27, 1882 | Receipt | British Canadian Loan & Investment Co. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Mortgage. | No Cover |

Received $116.10 on account of mortgage made by John Norquay. Arrears owing $1.45

The next payment of interest amounting to $125 will become due on 1 Dec 1882

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| G 8700 | A - 1539 | May 8, 1883 | Receipt | Watson & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private account of $193.04. Sent cheque for $160.00. | 2 pp. |
| G 8700 | A - 1540 | April 30, 1883 | Receipt | McNabb, Andrew | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private account of $24.30 paid May 4, 1883. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1540 | May 5, 1883 | Receipt | Lane, John A. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1541 | April 30, 1883 | Receipt | Bannatyne & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account rendered and paid. | 2 pp. - Torn |
| G 8700 | A - 1542 | April 30, 1883 | Receipt | Graham, C.W. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private account $33.00 paid. |  |
| G 8700 | A - 1543 | May 1, 1883 | Receipt | Whitehead, Wm. & Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account $1.30 paid. | 2 pp. |

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| G 8700 | A - 1544 | May 1, 1883 | Receipt | Hughes, M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Private account $20.00 paid. Re: child's coffin. |  |

13April 1883 Child’s coffin $18.00 Shell 2.00 $20.00 Paid.

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| G 8700 | A - 1545 | March 23, 1883 | Receipt | Hughes, M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Account of $143.24. Refurnishing of rooms on 3rd flat. |  |

Pd $143.24 “to furnish 2 rooms in 3rd flat [sgd] JN” – presumably govt expenditures?

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| G 8700 | A - 1546 | March 14, 1883 | Receipt | Harris, A. & Son Co. Agric Implements | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Amount of $4.70 due on account. Replied March 16, 1883 enclosing cheque. |  |

Hinge arm, inside guard, crank head for mower pd. $4.70

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| G 8700 | A - 1547 | March 1, 1883 | Letter | Jackson, J.W., Treasurer | Portage la Prairie, Municipality of | Norquay, John | Taxes on Thos. Norquay's claim. Paid. |  |

To JN: “Thomas Norquay’s claim was assessed in 1881 and was also advertised in the ‘Gazette’ but I found checking over my list that it was an error and had it struck out so that it would not have been sold. There is taxes against it as per enclosed bill.”

Reply 30 March – encloses cheque for $8.10

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| G 8700 | A - 1548 | March 1883 | Premium Renewal Notice | Stancliffe, F. for (Lion) British Empire Life Insurance Co. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Premium on Policy 4098 becomes due on March 5, 1883. Paid. |  |

Renewal of policy on life of JN amounts to $120.73 due on 5 March

Replied on 16 March See LBC P 83 [81?]

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| G 8700 | A - 1549 | May 4, 1883 | Premium Renewal Notice | Hutton, W.L. for Canadian Life Assurance Co. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Notice of assessment. | 2 pp. |

Payment for assurance due on 3 may, sum assured is $1000.00 and ½ year premium is $20.80. Paid.

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| G 8700 | A - 1550 | Spring &  Summer, 1883 | Accounts | St. John's College, Ladies' School | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Norquay, Ellen. Private account of school expenses. | 2 pp. |

Miss N. Norquay: books – hymn, Waltz, music, scribbler, pencil case, pencils and paper = $3.00

Miss Ellen Norquay: board for term $40; English 6; French 5; Drawing 7; Music 8; Singing class 1; use of piano 2; seat in church .50; materials and books 3.

Total for term 72.65 plus arrears 192.92 = $265.57

**Telegrams**

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| G 8700 | A - 1552 | April 5, 1880 | Telegram | McMicken, G. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Re: Disbursements. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Delay demands damned disbursements sans substitutionary supy what where when”

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| G 8700 | A - 1553 | March 17, 1879 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Telegram. | No Cover |

“Geoferry Just returned all well tell Royal Luxton gone to Ontario

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| G 8700 | A - 1554 | Nov. 13, 1878 | Telegram | Macdonald, John A. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Howard case. | No Cover |

No action taken in Howard case yet

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| G 8700 | A - 1555 | July 17, 1879 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | Pt. Dover | Norquay, John | Telegram. | No Cover |

“When I return from Ottawa where I go on Monday”

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| G 8700 | A - 1556 | Nov. 28, 1882 | Telegram | Chalmers, R.S. | Dominion City, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Political meeting. | No Cover |

“Grand rally tomorrow night Greenway to be here – come sure all right”

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| G 8700 | A - 1557 | Nov. 29, 1880 | Telegram | Farijana, Colonel | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Engage rooms. | No Cover |

“Leave tonight for Winnipeg same rooms for me at Queens” note on back “engage rooms”

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| G 8700 | A - 1558 | June 21, 1881 | Telegram | White, Richard | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Telegram. | No Cover |

“Two hundred and seventy thousand dollars for ten thousands I write”

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| G 8700 | A - 1559 | June 23, 188?2? | Telegram | Robinson, Jerry | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

“Return home [?Retain Lorne?] or you lose friends one here the best you have will go back at the word go with as much influence as Douglass”

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| G 8700 | A - 1560 | March 19, 1881 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Meeting. | No Cover |

‘I will meet you keep disengaged for the evening”

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| G 8700 | A - 1560 | March 23, 1881 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John at St. Paul, Minn. | Await arrival. | No Cover |

“Stevenson and I arrive in St Paul tomorrow morning wait for us answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1561 | March 18, 1881 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | Winnipeg, Man. | Norquay, John (in Toronto | Re: Banquet. | No Cover |

To Norquay in Toronto probably c/o B M Saunders: “When will you be home am asked will you accept spread”

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| G 8700 | A - 1562 | Dec. 22, 1882 | Telegram | Van Horne, W.C. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Trip west. | No Cover |

“Expect to leave for northwest tomorrow will arrange matter when I reach Winnipeg”

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| G 8700 | A - 1556 | Nov. 28, 1882 | Telegram | Chalmers, R.S. | Dominion City, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Political meeting. | No Cover |

“Grand rally tomorrow night Greenway to be here – come sure all right”

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| G 8700 | A - 1563 | Dec. 27, 1882 | Telegram | Phillips, D. | Dominion City, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

“Waddell gone to Wpg not your friend look out”

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| G 8700 | A - 1564 | Nov. 20, 1882 | Telegram | Hunter, Isaac | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Politics. | No Cover |

Sec of Conservative Assoc, Emerson: “Mass meeting elections Emerson division at Dominion City Thursday next to select candidate to support Govt notification meeting at close of nomination at which your presence urgently desired Can you be present”

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| G 8700 | A - 1565 | Jan. 2, 1883 | Telegram | Campbell & Gemmel | Selkirk West, Man. | Norquay, John | News of trip west. | No Cover |

“Send us some particulars of your trip west for Fridays Herald if mailed tomorrow morning will get it Thursday”

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| G 8700 | A - 1566 | Nov. 21, 1882 | Telegram | Daly, T.M.for Cons Convention | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Conservative nominee - Woodsworth. | No Cover |

“JE Woodworth Rec’d unanimous nomination at convention today as our candidate for Brandon”

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| G 8700 | A - 1567 | Nov. 25, 1882 | Telegram | Chalmers, R.S. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Elections. | No Cover |

“Reported here there is to be no election now is report true?”

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| G 8700 | A - 1568 | Nov. 15, 1882 | Telegram | McDonald, E. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Greenway at Portage meeting. | No Cover |

“Greenway will be here tomorrow night can you come answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1569 | Dec. 1, 1882 | Telegram | Drummond, J.A.K. | High Bluff, Man. | Norquay, John | Notice of visit. | No Cover |

“Will be to see you at seven thirty tonight”

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| G 8700 | A - 1570 | Jan. 25, 1883 | Telegram | Anderson, James | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Congratulations - elections. | No Cover |

“Accept my congratulations on your great victory”

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| G 8700 | A - 1571 | Jan. 25, 1883 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Elkhorn, Man. | Norquay, John | Result of election. | No Cover |

“Elected by nine majority hard fight best congratulations Hurrah for the Govt Coming down by train”

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| G 8700 | A - 1572 | Feb. 19, 1882 | Telegram | Campbell, W. | West Selkirk, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Visit to office. | No Cover |

“Will you be at your office on Wednesday I am coming up”

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| G 8700 | A - 1573 | March 10, 1880 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Brown, C.P., Ottawa |  | No Cover Incomplete |

C P Brown is at Russell House: “Turner [?] fourteen hundred & seventy five [?] one hundred and seventy five below Shall I close”

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| G 8700 | A - 1574 | April 19, 1881 | Telegram | Shields, John | Ottawa, Ont. | Leacock, E.P. | Re: Business in St. Paul. | No Cover |

Shields in Ottawa wires Leacock [in Winnipeg?]: “Expect myself Haggert can leave for St Paul end this week will telegraph if necessary you better close immediately”

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| G 8700 | A - 1575 | March 24, 1881 | Telegram | Setter, J.J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: T. Norquay's parcel. | No Cover |

“Forward Thomas parcel from express office” And on reverse: “re T Norquay’s luggage”

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| G 8700 | A - 1576 | Aug. 22, 1882 | Telegram | Edie, D. | Brandon, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Voters. | No Cover |

“Three votes here for Chas. [?] Shall we come tomorrow”

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| G 8700 | A - 1578 | Sept. 12, 1882 | Telegram | Nash, W. Hill | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Douglas. | No Cover |

“It would be well to assist Douglas[s] if possible” [extra ‘s’ in note on reverse side]

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| G 8700 | A - 1579 | Sept. 12, 1882 | Telegram | Brown, C.P. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Deed from McArthur. | No Cover |

Brown in Toronto to Norquay in Wpg: “Get deed of trust from McArthur for stock don’t fail are all well Answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1580 | Jan. 9, 1882 | Telegram | Georgen, P. Vances | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Lots. | No Cover |

“Please wire me three thousand dollars to Ontario Bank here Re Lots” P. Vancer Georgen

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| G 8700 | A - 1581 | Oct. 3, 1882 | Telegram | Lang, Robert | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Wm. Tait, etc. | No Cover |

“Title of William Tates heirs looks all right send all deeds showing your title clear how about David Youngs interest” On reverse: “title Wm Tait &c”

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| G 8700 | A - 1582 | May 23, 1882 | Telegram | Lang, R. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Name for new municipality. | No Cover |

“Nearly every member is my friend do not let new municipality be called anything but what my brothers asks do not fail me”

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| G 8700 | A - 1577 | Oct. 14, 1882 | Telegram | Lang, R. | Ottawa, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Land grants. | No Cover |

“See that all deeds through which you claim are sent why not get quit claim from Young”

On back: secretary’s note: “re Land Grant”

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| G 8700 | A - 1583 | April 21, 1881 | Telegram | Girard, M.A. | St. Paul, Minn. | Norquay, John | Re: Message to Mrs. Girard. | No Cover |

“Arrived here this morning no train leaves send wife message”

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| G 8700 | A - 1584 | July 21, 1882 | Telegram | Setter, Jno James | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Trip to Winnipeg. | No Cover |

“Myself & wife will be down today”

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| G 8700 | A - 1585 | Sept. 11, 1882 | Telegram | Macdonald, John A. | Riviere du Loup, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Visit of friend to Winnipeg. | No Cover |

‘My friend John Pender [? Render] Esq MP telegraphs King in England visits Winnipeg today or tomorrow please attend to him”

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| G 8700 | A - 1586 | March 1, 1882 | Telegram | McInnes, D.J. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Land deal. | No Cover |

“Will you take one thousand down one thousand in six months one thousand in twelve months for nine & ten in block sixty nine wire answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1587 | March 2, 1882 | Telegram | Norquay, J. | City (Winnipeg) | D McInnes, D.J. | Re: Land deal above. | No Cover |

JN replies to D McInnes: “Will take one thousand down one thousand at six and twelve months with eight per cent interest J Norquay Collect”

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| G 8700 | A - 1588 | March 3, 1882 | Telegram | McInnes, J.G. [??] | Emerson MB | Norquay, John | Re: Land deal closed. | No Cover |

“Consider sale closed Deposit made deeds forwarded for signature” J G McInnes [why not DJ?]

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| G 8700 | A - 1589 | Feb. 22, 1882 | Telegram | Angus, R.B. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Re: Abbott, Hon. J.C. in Ottawa. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “The Hon J.J.C. Abbott will be in Ottawa tonight & will endeavor to see you in reference to your letter of yesterday he returns tomorrow”

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| G 8700 | A - 1590 | Feb. 4, 1882 | Telegram | Inkster, Colin | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Re: Patents for lots 5 & 6 Kildonan. | No Cover |

“Urge issuing of patents lots five and six Kildonan” [JN at Russell House]

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| G 8700 | A - 1591 | Jan. 30, 1882 | Telegram | Setter, John J. | Portage la Prairie, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Casitar estate. | No Cover |

“Send the power of attorney I have sold all govt [?] lots on Casitar estate for more than double”

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| G 8700 | A - 1592 | Jan. 30, 188? | Telegram | La Riviere, A.A.C. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John (in Ottawa) | Re: Illness and appointment. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Was ill yesterday will nevertheless be in Ottawa tomorrow”

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| G 8700 | A - 1593 | Jan. 27, 1882 | Telegram | Howard, R.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Land deal. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “John and Joe Tait sold to Dr. J. C. S. for ten thousand all well at your home”

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| G 8700 | A - 1594 | Feb. 21, 1882 | Telegram | McInnes, D.J. | Emerson, Man. | Norquay, John | Re: Price of Emerson lot. | No Cover |

“What is your price for lot ten block sixtynine Emerson answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1595 | Jan. 30, 1882 | Telegram | Howard, Rice M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Land deals. | No Cover |

“Arranged with Bedson willing to share pro rata try sell to WBS [T?] of Toronto ask thirty Christie sold forty eight acres for thirty we have our sixty four lot a bargain at figure statutes were sent will duplicate order tonight Rice M Howard”

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| G 8700 | A - 1596 | Feb. 11, 1882 | Telegram | Greenway, Thomas | London, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Political matters. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Such an order has issued not yet carried out better wire counselling delay most anxious to avoid further misunderstanding” TG is in Grigg House, London ON

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| G 8700 | A - 1597 | Feb. 2, 1882 | Telegram | Blanchard, S. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Land deal. | No Cover |

“Waiting for deed from Registry Office patent will be recommended on receipt”

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| G 8700 | A - 1598 | Feb. 9, 1882 | Telegram | La Riviere, A.A.C. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Illness. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “May I stay here till Monday next Am not well”

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| G 8700 | A - 1599 | Feb. 10, 1882 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Chicago, Illinois | Norquay, John | Re: Plans. | No Cover |

“Engineer & T brought down plans will be in Ottawa Tuesday tell Magee”

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| G 8700 | A - 1600 | March 11, 1882 | Telegram | Sanford, W.E. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Brown's arrival. | No Cover |

JN at Queens Hotel: “Just received telegram from Brown in Chicago will arrive here Sunday noon Come over ten oclock Monday”

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| G 8700 | A - 1601 | March 12, 1882 | Telegram | Brown, C.P. | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Meeting. | No Cover |

JN at Queens Hotel: “Sanford & I will meet you Queens Hotel tomorrow ten thirty”

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| G 8700 | A - 1602 | Feb. 17, 1882 | Telegram | Leacock, Ed. P. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Re: Selkirk. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “See Angus immediately I am informed Selkirk likely to be left wire me to Toronto if it is true”

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| G 8700 | A - 1603 | Feb. 4, 1882 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Historical Society grant. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Historical Society has applied for two hundred grant shall I pay”

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| G 8700 | A - 1604 | Feb. 23, 1882 | Telegram | Anderson, James | Sutton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Visit. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Would it be convenient for you to come here Wednesday March first answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1605 | March 7, 188? | Telegram | Kennedy, R. | Napanee, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Meeting. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Will be here at county council during week communicate here”

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| G 8700 | A - 1606 | March 1882 | Telegram | Colcleugh, James | Toronto, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Appointment and papers. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: ‘Will you be here tomorrow don’t forget them papers”

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| G 8700 | A - 1607 | March 188? | Telegram | Sanford, W.E. | Hamilton, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Drainage inspection. | No Cover |

“Has Government ordered Harris to inspect drainage cannot you manage it for me”

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| G 8700 | A - 1608 | March 9, 1882 | Telegram | Kennedy, R. | Napanee, Ont. | Norquay, John | Re: Meeting tomorrow. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “Will I expect you tomorrow morning answer”

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| G 8700 | A - 1609 | March 2, 1882 | Telegram | Walker, D.M. | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Estimates for Western Judicial District. | No Cover |

JN at Russell House: “See nothing in estimates for western judicial provision don’t let this effect you”

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| G 8700 | A - 1610 | Oct. 29, 1884 | Invitation | Aikins, His Honor, Lieutenant Governor | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Re: Dinner. |  |

Formal engraved card “His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Aikins request the pleasure of Honorable Mr Norquay company to Dinner on Wednesday 29 Oct at 7:30 o’clock” [Note: no mention of Mrs. Norquay]

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| G 8700 | A - 1611 | Sept. 6, 1882 | Letter | Orde, W. Leonard | City (Winnipeg) | Norquay, John | Introducing Mr. H. and asking employment for him. |  |

Orde stationery –real estate – Private – the bearer Mr. Harman is a lifelong Conservative from West Middlesex – wants to get some copying to do …

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| G 8700 | A - 1613 | Jan. 23, 1880 | Letter | Ogilvie, W.W. | Montreal, Que. | Norquay, John | Stating he cannot invest in coal mines or gas companies. Time and funds occupied in own business. |  |

“My dear Norquay Your telegram just to hand. I regret that I cannot see my way to accept the kind offer of your good people to become a director of your gas co. I have all I can attend to in our own business, but thank them for the compliment. I have been in the West some time, and just received your kind letter on my return. My friends do not feel inclined to take a venture in a coal mine. Many of our people have lost very heavily in Nova Scotia coal mines. I am glad you have got your Government so well into line, and hope you will be successful in all your measures. We gave Chapleau a great banquet a short time ago. He is now all safe, and everything is lovely at Ottawa. Yours very truly W.W. Ogilvie

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| G 8700 | A - 1614 | 1882 | Insurance Tickets | Travelers Insurance Co. | Hartford, Connecticut | Norquay, John | Insurance for $6000.00. | 2 pp. |

“This ticket insures Hon John Norquay…in the sum of $3,000 for the term fixed by the coupons…beginning with the day and hour as hereon … good for one day from the date of said ticket…” and the premium paid of the two tickets was $1.50 each.

Coupons clipped for 4 Sept at 7:00 pm