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W. M. Goodeve.

12/7/95

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Ottawa, 16th July, 1895.

Dear Mr. White,

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Yours sincerely,

Aubrey White, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands,

Toronto, Ont.

(s) M. Bourgeois

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Ottawa, 16th July, 1895.

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Dear Mr. Reed,

I received a short time ago the enclosed application from Archbishop Langevin, for certain lands near Fort Frances, which is evidently intended for you. I have written to the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario, explaining to him that any communication which may be addressed to Mr. Daly from his Department in this relation, should be addressed to him as Superintendent General of Indian Affairs. Let me at the same time express the hope that you will do whatever may be in your power to further the Archbishop's wishes.

Yours faithfully,

A. D. Ryan

Walter Reed, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General of
Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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TECHNICAL BRANCH
17.7.95
OTTAWA, CANADA.

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MEMORANDUM.

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, 29th July 1895

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Mr. ...
29/7/95*

I have forwarded a tracing of the Reserves in
the vicinity of Fort Frances His Grace
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ous of getting 20 acres near Fort Frances
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the above land, Res that are nearest the Fort
so that he may mark thereon the position
of the land he wishes to get, but this mat-
ter may be dealt with intelligently.
The land he desires may or may not be in
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will enclose tracing
A.D.M.

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Ottawa, 31st July, 1896.

THIS LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

by Lord Archbishop, -

I have the honour to advert to Your Grace's letter of the 25th ultimo, which was acknowledged by the Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior on the 8th instant, in which letter Your Grace transmitted an application for about twenty acres of land ~~at Fort~~ ^{at} Francis for missionary purposes; and I beg to inform Your Grace that there is some doubt as to whether the land applied for forms part of an Indian reserve - and is therefore under the control of this Department - or whether it is included in the Crown lands under the control of the province of Ontario. In order to be sure of the position of the land, I have had the enclosed tracing prepared showing Fort Francis and the Indian reserves in the vicinity; and I enclose ~~in addition~~ ^{applied} if Your Grace would have the goodness to have marked on the tracing the position of the twenty acres of land which you desire to acquire. I say ~~say~~ ^{say} that if it be within the bounds of any of the reserves shown on the tracing, it will be impossible for the Department to dispose of the same, as these reserves are held subject to confirmation by the Government of Ontario, and until they are so confirmed (the Department is not in a position) even after the Indians surrender any part of the reserves, to convey a title to any land included in them.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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MEMORANDUM.

Department of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa, 29th July 1895

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S. J. Kelly*

29/7/95

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W. A. Johnston

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Certain kind of confusion
[Signature]

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The Department might be prepared, however, to give permission to a portion of the reserved land being occupied for missionary purposes: and on the return of the tracing with the land desired marked thereon, if it be within the Indian Reserves, Your Grace will be informed as to whether the Department can grant the permission.

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's obedient servant,

[Handwritten signature]

Acting Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin,
St. Boniface, Man.

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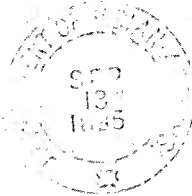
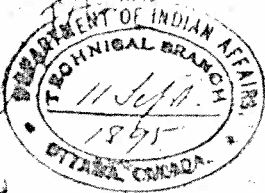
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Department of the Interior,

Ottawa. 9th September, 1895.



In reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 129992, as to what purpose, or for what particular band or bands of Indians Reserve No. 1- Rainy Lake, was set apart, I am directed to inform you that the papers of record in this Department do not disclose the information you require. However, I enclose our file No. 3597 herewith in case you may be able to extract from them anything that would assist you in your search.

In this connection, Mr. Clayton, the Clerk in charge of our Survey records, states that he was under the impression that this General Reserve at Rainy Lake was to be a Treaty ground where the Indians of No. 3 Treaty would assemble to get their annual payments.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.



Scott, Esq.,

Chief Deputy Superintendent General

of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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The undersigned would respectfully recommend that Agent Cornish be informed of the application and requested to report thereon without delay as to whether there are any objections to the establishment of a R. C. Mission at the point indicated on the plan. Also to state which are the lands ^{if any} that may be considered to have a proprietary right in the reserve.

(The tracing on file to be forwarded to Agent Cornish and to be returned to the Dept.)

S. Bray

Deputy Minister

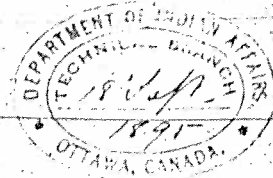
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17 Sept. 1895

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER.



The Reserve at the foot of Rainy Lake, near Fort Frances, in which is situated the 20 acres desired by His Grace Archbishop Langevin, for the purposes of a mission, was set apart by Mr. Dawson in 1875 in the following terms :

"No. 1. At the foot of Rainy Lake, to be laid off as nearly as may be in the manner indicated on the plan, two chains in depth along the shore of Rainy Lake and Bank of Rainy River to be reserved for roads, right of way for lumber men, booms, wharves, and other public purposes.

This Indian Reserve not to be for any particular Chief or Band, but for the Saulteaux Tribe generally, and for the purpose of maintaining thereon an Indian Agency, with the necessary grounds and buildings."

It would therefore appear that the consent of certain Tribes and Bands would be necessary before any portion of the Reserve may be used for any other purpose. Probably only the Rainy Lake and Rainy River Bands have been in the habit of making any use of this Reserve, and these may be the only Bands necessary to consult. The Agency buildings are situated on this Reserve.

~~It is to be remembered that this Reserve~~
~~is not generally supposed to have been~~

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Draft

Ottawa, September 14th, 1898.

Sir,

Enclosed is a tracing showing No. 1 General Reserve, situated at the foot of Rainy Lake. The two lines in red indicate the portion of land desired by His Grace Archbishop Langevin, for the purpose of establishing a Roman Catholic Mission at this point. The area applied for is about 20 acres. I have to ask you to ascertain what the probable length of each of the lines would be, and the distance between them; also whether the proposed boundaries would interface with the ground now, or that may in future be, required for Agency purposes, or if it interfaces with Indian clearings or holdings. This Reserve appears to have been intended for the Saulteaux Tribe in general, as well as for Agency purposes, and you will be well advised to ascertain and report which Bands, if any, may be considered to have a proprietary right to this Reserve. You will also report whether there are any objections to the proposed establishment at this point of ^a the Roman Catholic mission. A reservation of the chains in depth appears to have been made along the shore, for roads, right-of-way for lumbermen, booms, wharves, and other public purposes. You will also report

F. C. Gornall, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Fort Frances,

Ontario.

FORT FRANCIS

Sketch
INDIAN RESERVES NEAR
FORT FRANCIS
RAINY LAKE

Spindlers Ear Loch

1/4 miles

TRACED BY
M. J. [unclear]
29-7-35

Thunder
Rainy River

Section A
16000 sq. ft.
Reserve No. 17000

137828

PART OF
RESERVE B
2 1/2 Square Miles

Thunder Mountain

Thunder
Lake

Thunder
Mountain

R A I N Y
L A K E

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S. B.
12 Sep 1895

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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COUCHECHING AGENCY

November 4, 1895.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 129,992, of the 18th September last, in which you desired for Roman Catholic Mission and to inform you that I find it impossible to give the desired information regarding length of line and distance between them as shown on the tracing.

To explain myself I would point out that the three marks at the extreme end of point which I presume are meant to represent the Agency buildings, are not properly located and should be placed north east on Nainey Lake.

By placing the buildings where they are shown on the tracing it would appear that there was considerable land between them and the first red line. Whereas if they were shown in their proper place it would readily be seen that very little land was left around the Agency buildings.

The
Deputy Subjt. General
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa. To—

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
7/2-95

To explain matter. I would mention that there are two fields belonging to this property, entirely cleared, of 10 and 10' acre. respectively. This does not include the ground known as "the point," which is simply a Park.

Judging from the two lines on the map I have come to the conclusion that the two fields are included, but cannot be certain, therefore I would be glad of the information, in order that I can locate the lines definitely before measuring them and making a satisfactory report. I would also like to know whether I am to start the back line & chains from the river front or just of all allow 2 chains in height of way. This line divide the present Roman Catholic Mission property from the Agency Reserve.

I have the honor to be
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant
 J. C. Muesch.
 Indian Agent.

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Wm. M. O. L.
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Special Agent
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F. C. Cornish Esq.
Indian Agent
Fort Frances Ont
Dec. 13th 1895

Sir
LETTER HAS BEEN SENT

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In reply to your letter of the 4th ult. I have to inform you that there is no information on the Dept. as to the location of the two fields you mention. I think your best letter communicate with the Rev. C. Cahill O.M.I. - a Rat Portage ~~is~~ regarding the boundaries of the land desired by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface and ^{perhaps} he may refer you to some one resident ~~at~~ in Fort Frances.

In drawing the lines, which you should mark with stones or substantial posts, you must be careful to allow sufficient land around the Agency buildings and mark the lines ^{their corners and the middle they are apart} and the true position of the buildings in the accompanying sketch. ^{It is not necessary to adhere} ~~with regard to the distance~~ of five chains to which you refer. Five chains ~~measured~~ from the shore

J. B.

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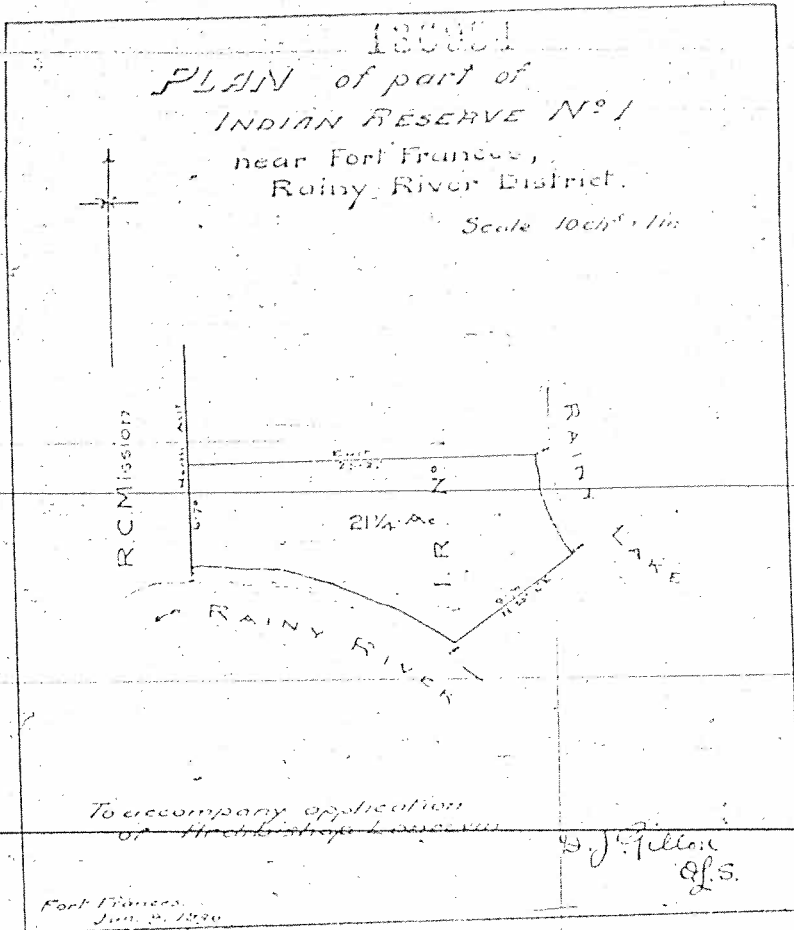
must be allowed, and the North
boundary of the land desired may
commence at any point North
of the two chains that may be
decided on.

You will be good enough
to again refer to letter of 18th Sept.
and to inform me on the several
points therein referred to.

Yours &c

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S.P.
12 Jan 1898

Mouth of
Rainy River

Course North 1st
RESERVE No. 1
170 acres

RESERVE
A
160 acres

Course West

RESERVE B

RAINY
LAKE

Creek

Sketch showing
Indian Reserves A and No. 1 near
Fort Frances, Rainy River District.

Scale = 40 chains to an inch.

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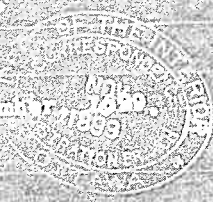
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Department of the Interior

TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY BRANCH

Ottawa, Dec. 11, 1899



Dear Sir:

With reference to Application No. 1041's request for a grant of land around the Fort St. Pierre on the Fort St. Pierre was made in 1899. I have been searching for references to the previous correspondence but I am unable to find anything. I have a dim and recollection of dealing with the matter and if my memory serves me right, the land was given to the Indian Agency at the post near the mouth of the Saginaw from Sandy Lake and the land from the Indian Agency. I do not remember the particulars of the application.

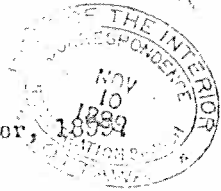
Very respectfully,
E. A. Munn
Surveyor-General

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*W. H. ...
I have your ...
Paper ...
W. H. ...
Ottawa*

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Ottawa, 9th November, 1899

Your Grace,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo in which you make enquiries in regard to "Fort Pierre" near Fort Frances on the Rainy River, The Surveyor General has been looking into the matter but so far has not been able to obtain the papers in connection with it, and I am just sending you this note so that you may know that the request made by you is not being overlooked, as the enquiry in regard to the papers is still being carried on. I will be pleased to advise you further when I am in a position to speak more definitely.

Yours truly,

(S'G'D.) *Jos. A. Smart*

Deputy Minister.

His Grace
Bishop Langvin,
University of Ottawa,
Ottawa.

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COUCHIECHING AGENCY

January 13th 1896.

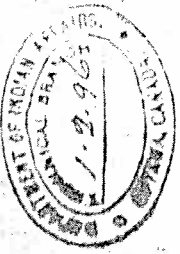
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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 129992 of the 13th ulto. With further reference to yours of the 10th September last in reference to the Land desired by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface and to inform you that as soon as practicable, after the Rev. C. Cahill's return to Fort-Harcour on the 4th of this month, I entered into communication with him on the matter and as a result of our first interview, the Rev. Father agreed to meet me on the spot in question on the 10th and there and then point out to me the piece of land requested. Accordingly on the day appointed we met and I am much indebted to the Rev. Father for his going with me a surveyor, which of course simplified matters all round and enable me to give the Department very reliable information in the matter a regard. has, as a result.

The Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Handwritten notes:
 This Res. is a
 copy of the
 letter of the
 10th Sept. 1895
 which was
 forwarded
 to the
 Archbishop
 of St. Boniface
 on the 13th ulto.



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I am now returning the sketch enclosed in your last letter which shows the position of the piece of land required by the Archbishops, also the position of the Agency building (marked W) and in addition a plan of the field as surveyed by Mr. Gillon, which is meant to accompany the application of Archbishops Leger and

All the boundary lines are marked by the fence with the exception of the East line which runs partly through the bush and which has been cut out and marked separately. Between the Agency Building and the piece of land in question, there is a field of about 10 acres and beyond the building to the water edge is a path. Regarding the allowance of two chains from the shore I may say that Mr. Gillon informed me that one chain was all that was ever allowed by them in their plans and if the Department insist on two chains being allowed, it is a simple matter to alter the plans accordingly and the Rev. Father Cahill understands this.

It will be seen that the area is only a little in excess of that applied for by His Grace the Archbishops. As to whether these proposed boundaries interfere with the ground required for Agency purposes, I can only reply

10 acres

2 chains

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reply in the affirmative, but at the same time would distinctly state they should not. To explain myself, I have to pen to the Department that owing to the isolated position of the Agency premises, the proximity to the boundary line, the fact that all people going to and from Fort Hare to Rainy Lake, Sene River &c. have to portage within a few feet of the building, and that these people are of the toughest description and make themselves very objectionable, an Agent is compelled to leave a man in charge here whenever he is absent; that is to say, if he is a married man and has any prospects for his wife and family. Since I have been here, I have paid a man \$15⁰⁰ per month and board and that extends over a period of some ... Now the only chance an Agent has to recoup himself for this expenditure is to try and do a little farming and raise enough produce to pay expense. If this piece of land required for mission purposes is taken away it leaves the Agent with less than half of what he had before and from experience I can assure the Department that any less land than that the privilege of raising is worse than useless, as far

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as enabling a man to meet expenses
 to be concerned. It must be remembered
 that included in this piece of land
 is a clearance of at least 10 acres,
 all of which work has been done
 at the expense of Indian Agent.
 And it was only last Spring that
 I restored 10 acres of it from a
 second growth of underbrush to land
 fit for the plough besides getting
 out 1500 rails to fence with. It
 will be readily seen how much I am
 out of pocket. Now my reason for
 explaining matters thus fully is
 to impress upon the Department,
 not that I wish to stand in the way
 of the Roman Catholic Mission obtaining
 this piece of property, but that it
 would be far more advisable and
 better in every way if the Indian
 Agent in the District lived in
 Fort Hance. If necessary, I could
 easily show the advantages for
 all parties concerned, to be gained,
 by the Agent living in Fort Hance.
 And if such was allowed, I would
 then suggest that this property
 be held intact for Industrial
 School purposes. No Band
 that I am aware of have any
 right to this Reserve, neither
 have I ever heard of any claims
 being put forward. It certainly
 does not interfere with any Indian
 clearance.

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clearing a holding.

I can think of no objections
to the proposed establishment
at the point of a Roman Catholic
Mission, other than that it cuts
the property in two which of course
in Indian estate would be a
serious matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obed. servant
J. P. O'Meara
Indian Agent.

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Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Winnipeg, 2 May 1906.

In your reply refer to
No. 135/C.
and date of this letter and
address

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Referring to your letter of 22nd November last,
enclosing file of papers, in re the application of Archbishop
Tangevin, for certain lands near Fort Frances for an Indian
Mission and for the site of a Boarding School, and also for aid
to erect such school, I beg to say that I have had, as you
desired, an interview with His Grace in regard to said
applications.

With respect to the twenty acres asked for Missionary
purposes, it is clear that the Roman Catholic Church author-
ities would require a full title to the land in order to be
able to establish a permanent mission. Such a title
it is apparently at present impossible for the Indian
Department to give, even were the Indians to surrender the
land for the purpose, inasmuch as it is stated in one of
the letters on the file transmitted to this office, namely
the letter of 31st July 1895, signed by D.C. Scott, then
Acting Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, that
"if it (the land applied for) be within the bounds of any
of the reserves shown on the tracing it will be impossible
for the Department to dispose of the same, as these reserves
are held subject to confirmation by the Government of Ontario,
and until they are so confirmed the Department is not in a
position, even after the Indians surrender any part of the
reserves, to convey a

Jas. A. Smart Esq.

Deputy Supt. Gen'l of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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a title to any land included in them".

The plans which accompany His Grace's application shew the land in question to be part of Indian Reserve No. I, near Fort Frances, Rainy River District. Mr. Dawson, the Indian Commissioner who set apart said Reserve, did so inter alia in the following terms: "This Indian Reserve not to be for any particular Chief or Band, but for the Saulteaux Tribe generally, and for the purpose of maintaining thereon an Indian Agency, with the necessary grounds and buildings".

The title not only of this Reserve, but I understand of all other Indian Reserves in what is called New Ontario is in an unsatisfactory state. Mining claims are likely soon to be applied for on some of them, and the cutting of timber on the reserves is under limitation owing to the same uncertainty of title.

I have been informed by a gentleman from Fort Frances, that the Ontario Government sent one agent or more through some portion of their new territory last summer to investigate and report on some of these disputed questions; and now since the Legislative Session of that Province is over, I would suggest that communication be had with the Government of Ontario to ascertain whether it is not now in a position to come to some understanding with the Dominion Government in regard to confirming to the latter the title of the Indian Reserves in New Ontario.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

David Lewis
Indian Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

To the Secretary-

W.L.M.

Ottawa 8th May 1900-

In regard to letter of the 2nd Instant from the Hon. Mr. Laird, as to application of Archbishop Langevin for land on Indian Reserve No 1, near Fort Francis, for an Indian Mission and for the site of a Boarding School, I beg to state that as the Reserve in question is situate in what was formerly known as "the disputed territory" and as the Commissioner reports that the Roman Catholic Church authorities require a full title to the land, in order to be able to establish a permanent Bishop, I do not see that the application can be considered until after confirmation of the Reserve as such by the Ontario Government and then upon a Surrender being taken from the Indians in the usual way.

As to the Commissioner's suggestion that communication be had with the Government of Ontario as to confirmation of Reserves, I think possibly it would be well to refer this to the Law Clerk, who, I think, has been dealing with the matter.

*See memo
O.B. calling
for info
to be sent
to the
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Re title to land in question, please see Mr Orr's memo. under.

*Mr. Orr
Please see memo
letter to Mr. Orr
198313
Census records
at Rat Portage
M.A.P. 1900*

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa, May, 1900

The Secretary:-

With reference to the Commissioner's letter of the 2nd instant respecting the application of His Grace the Archbishop of St Boniface for certain lands near Port Frances for an Indian mission and for the site of a boarding school, and also for aid to erect such school, I beg to say that some years ago when the establishment of a boarding school at this point was first suggested, Rat Portage was also mentioned as a suitable alternative point, and although the Department was not fully satisfied as to the necessity for a school at either place, in view of the fact that the Roman Catholic authorities had just completed a large institution at Port William with the aid of a Government grant, the Department acceded to the wishes of the Church authorities and established a school at Rat Portage. I think I am right in stating that when the Rat Portage school was provided for it was not anticipated that any further application would be made for a school at Port Frances.

Arthur Bliss

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Ottawa, 5th January, 1904.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that it has been decided to accept the proposition made by the Oblate Fathers of St. Boniface for the transfer to them of the St. Boniface Industrial School property in exchange for three boarding schools to be erected at an aggregate cost of \$35,022.00,- such exchange to take effect as soon as the boarding schools are erected to the satisfaction of this Department.

Plans of the proposed buildings have been submitted, which will be referred to the Government architect for approval, but past experience having shown that schools have been put up in most undesirable locations, the Department would like to have a report on the proposed sites of the buildings which are to be erected at Sandy Bay, Port Francis and Port Alexander. Such reports should state what facilities are afforded for obtaining a supply of water, wood and arable land, as well as a proper drainage system.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Frank Redley,

Deputy Superintendent General

of Indian Affairs.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Extract from a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency on the 5th January, 1904.

PRIVY COUNCIL
CANADA.

On a report dated 23rd December, 1903, from the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, stating that a proposition has been made on behalf of ~~St. Boniface, Manitoba,~~ ^{St. Boniface, Manitoba,} for the acquisition by them of the of "Les Reverends Peres Oblats," of ~~St. Boniface~~ Industrial School and furnishings, together with the land connected therewith containing an area of forty-four acres and which is held by the Crown for industrial school purposes, in consideration of their erecting, in lieu thereof, three boarding schools at an aggregate cost of \$33,522.81.

The Minister further states that the question as to the advisability of the exchange, from business and educational standpoints, was referred to the Assistant Indian Commissioner at Winnipeg, whose report, in substance is as follows, and is concurred in by the Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs:-

"The St. Boniface school cost \$29,000 and the ~~the~~ land \$2000, making in all \$31,000. Furnishings not included as fixtures in the \$29,000, cost upwards of \$4,600 which makes the total cost \$33,500. Enquiry shows that of \$4,600, the furnishings which may be considered still to be of value, cost \$2,195. Of these furnishings the iron beds which cost \$627, and which were purchased in 1901-02 are all that are considered

The Honourable
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

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of present full value. Fifty per cent of the cost of the remainder fairly represent their present value, making the present value of furnishings about \$1400. and the total cost \$32,400.

The proposition of the Oblat Fathers is that they will undertake to erect three boarding schools at the aggregate cost of \$32,522.81; one of these schools to be located on the land belonging to the Department of Indian Affairs, near Fort Francis, in the province of Ontario; another to be on the reserve at Sandy Bay - Lake Manitoba; and the third at Fort Alexander, in the province of Manitoba, on land belonging to the Oblat Mission, which owns a tract in the reserve; the Mission agreeing to transfer to the Department of Indian Affairs the quantity of land required for school-site and yards. Upon completion of the three boarding schools at the points mentioned in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved of by the Department of Indian Affairs, a transfer of the whole property of the St. Boniface Industrial School, including buildings, land and furnishings, is to be made to the Reverend Fathers Oblats; the Department of Indian Affairs also agreeing to pay to the Oblat Fathers the per capita grant at present allowed the St. Boniface Industrial School, namely, \$11,000.00 being at the rate of \$110. for 100 pupils, a proportion of which per capita grant may be applied by the Oblat Fathers to a fourth school now nearing completion by them at Fort Rely. The following will be the probable distribution of the

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grant by the Oblat Fathers to the four boarding schools, namely,-

Sandy Bay.....	42 pupils at \$72...	\$3,024.00
Fort Frances.....	40 " " 72...	2,880.00
Fort Relly.....	25 " " 72...	1,800.00
Fort Alexander....	45 " " 72...	3,240.00
	<u>152.</u>	<u>\$ 10,944.00</u>

from an educational standpoint it is considered difficult to conduct efficiently and effectively the St. Boniface Industrial School at the present per capita rate. The school as located does not afford facilities to train Indian boys in agriculture; but the Church authorities will undertake to have a man in charge of the boys at each of the proposed boarding schools and one at the school at Fort Rely who will teach them practical farming; and, with the boys taught to farm and the girls to do house work, the Department would have from the proposed schools more desirable educational results than can be expected from St. Boniface and fifty-two more Indian pupils will be benefitted by the proposed exchange. From a business standpoint it is considered that the three boarding schools proposed to be erected if carefully built according to specifications will be a fair value for the St. Boniface industrial school property."

The minister submits that it is contended on the part of the Church authorities that,-

1. It is impossible to recruit a sufficient number of Indian children at the St. Boniface industrial school to maintain it without debt.
2. The results from establishing three boarding schools would be more satisfactory.
3. It will be easier to get a regular attendance of children, and, consequently to educate them.

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4. The Indians at Fort Alexander, at Fort Francis and Fort Relly are asking for a boarding school in each place because the day schools are attended by few children and become almost useless.

The Minister, in view of the foregoing, recommends that the exchange be approved by the Governor in Council on the basis above indicated, and that as soon as the three boarding school buildings are completed to the satisfaction of the Department of Indian Affairs and a conveyance made to the Crown of the land occupied by and appurtenant to the said three boarding schools, a patent issue by the Crown, under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act to Les Peres Oblats for the land now held by the Crown at St. Boniface and at present used for industrial school purposes; and that a conveyance be also made by the Department of Indian Affairs for the St. Boniface industrial school buildings, with their furnishings.

The Committee submit the same for approval.

John J. McGee,

Clerk of the Privy Council.

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COPY.

St. Mary's Presbytery,
Winnipeg, Man.,
January 29th, 1904.

Honourable Sir,-

I respectfully beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., requesting me to provide the Department with some details in regard to the location as well as to the facilities for obtaining a supply of water, wood, arable land and a proper drainage system for the schools to be erected at Sandy Bay, Fort Alexander and Fort Frances. In compliance with your wishes, I beg leave to submit the following notes collected in a trip of inspection made last spring, at Sandy Bay by Reverend J.B. Dorais, then Principal of the St. Boniface Industrial School for the purpose of searching for a suitable site for the erection of a school on that reserve. I also sent him to Fort Alexander and Fort Frances for the same purpose.

In his report he says that at Sandy Bay and Fort Alexander, all the facilities that could be desired for such establishments are found on these reserves. On the reserve of Couchiching near Fort Frances, arable land is not so plentiful as it is found on the reserves in Manitoba, but a sufficient quantity can be easily secured. The particulars are as follows:

SANDY BAY.

A very convenient place has been found at a distance of about 600 yards south west of the church erected on the shore of the bay. There is an

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elevation in the shape of a small ridge of about 10 feet above the level of the ground. A small creek which runs into the lake, flows by the side of this ridge and will afford a good opportunity of drainage for the school and the farm.

The land is all wooded and of good quality for farming, in many places, fields and meadows could be easily cleared as the fire has destroyed the big timber, and the shrubs are only beginning to grow. With little work, we could secure any land apart from that used by the Indians, as we consider it wise not to interfere with their rights of raising hay. We have not yet tested the quality of the water to be supplied, but as the lake is not far off no difficulty will be met with regard to a sufficient supply.

FORT ALEXANDER.

The most convenient site for a school at Fort Alexander would be at a little distance from the present day school building and on the same grounds. Water can be easily supplied from the Winnipeg River, the distance being short and the height of the land being not over 25 ~~xxx~~ feet above the level of the lowest waters.

The soil on this reserve is excellent, and once drained and cleared will be excellent for farming.

We presume that the Indian Department will concede a certain portion of the reserves for the use of the schools.

COUCHICHING near FORT FRANCES.

On this reserve a convenient site is available only on the chief's property and if he could be induced, to give up that piece of land on

which he had his premises, we would find there all the facilities required for a proper accommodation for a school.

Hoping that this report will prove satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

honourable Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) J.P. Magnan, P.O.M.I.

Sup.

honourable D. Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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Office of the
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, 6th February, 1964.

Sir, -

Referring to your letter of the 5th ultimo relating to the proposed transfer to the Oblate Fathers of the St. Boniface Indian Industrial School in exchange for three boarding schools, I beg to say that I communicated to Very Rev. P. Magnan, O.M.I., the decision of the Department to accept the proposition and its views respecting the proposed sites for the new buildings, and have received a reply, a copy of which is placed herewith.

In regard to the sites mentioned I would note -

1. That it is proposed that all three sites shall be on Indian reserves. Does the Department approve of locating the schools and farms on Indian reserves; and if so, should ordinary consent (not a surrender) of Indians be asked? Further, in the case of the Couchiching reserve near Port Frances, would the Ontario Government require to be consulted; and is the Department prepared to allow compensation to the Chief to induce him to give up his property?

2. In regard to the facilities of the proposed sites for school purposes, I am unable as yet to

corroborate

Frank Rodley, Esq.,
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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corroborate all rather Dorais' opinions. Mr. Agent Swinford informs me that there are water, wood, and drainage at Sandy Bay; but not much good arable land, and worse, that the climatic conditions are unfavourable as the reserve being on the west shore of Lake Manitoba, the ice on the lake in Spring delays vegetation. It is therefore unsuitable for raising grain; but there is hay on the reserve and stock might be kept. In regard to Fort Alexander, I understand that the proposed site is a good one. There is plenty of wood near at hand, water is convenient, and there is good arable land on the reserve though much of it requires drainage. Of Couchiching, I have no information except what rather Dorais gives.

If the Department approves of the schools being on reserves, I would recommend a closer inspection of the proposed sites than can be made at this season of the year.

Yours truly,

D. Laird,
Indian Commissioner.

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OTTAWA, 15th June, 1904

Sir,

With reference to the proposed exchange of the St Boniface Industrial school property with the Oblate Fathers, I beg to say that a letter has been received from Mr Aubrey White, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto, in which he states that his Department will not oppose the granting of a lease or patent of the school site selected on Indian Reserve No. 1, North Pither's Point on Rainy River, immediately south of Reserve A, by Rev. Father Maguan. In this connection I beg to refer you to official letter of 13th February last respecting the sites to be chosen for the proposed boarding schools by the Oblate Fathers.

MMS
[Signature]

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man:-

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