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 Danny Hacking
 Court Reporter

December 30, 1914.

Dear Mr. White,-

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 I have given careful attention to your letter of December 15th, with reference to the Indian reserves in Treaty No. 3; the points you have raised are important and the difficulties you anticipate must be removed. For my own part, I have not lost sight of the agreement under the statute of 1894. You may remember that at the conference between our Ministers you explained to the Hon. Dr. Roche the bearing of this statutory agreement of 1894, and I was under the impression that we all had it in mind in dealing with the reserves. I have not had an opportunity of conversing with the Superintendent General on the subject matter of your letter, but it occurs to me that it might be useful for me to state my own views, as they have been formed with a view to a settlement of our difficulties. I think it would be advisable to confirm the reserves as surveyed; we might, of course, adhere to the terms of the statutory

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agreement, and, in that event, we would have to ascertain the acreage of the islands and pay you for them as surplus areas, but this might entail what we would consider too great an expenditure and also be productive of delays which we all agree are undesirable. If the reserves are confirmed as surveyed, we would require to repeal the statute of 1894 and substitute therefor an enactment which would cover the settlement of the reserve question, Treaty No. 3, in all its bearings.

It is my conviction that we should say nothing about water or fisheries, but leave those questions to be decided as the cases arise by the existing law and usage.

I think we might arrange the question of water powers by your allowing the Indians water powers, not exceeding 500 horse power; this limit, you will remember, was fixed by the preliminary agreement for Treaty No. 9. It seems to me that the Indians should have some interest in larger water powers in the Treaty 3 reserves which might be fixed on a percentage of the gross earnings of water powers when developed. I think we could readily come to an agreement on this point. +

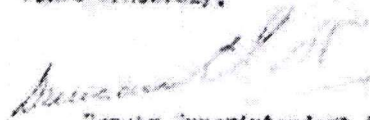
Have you had time to read and consider the objection of the Gibson Indians to the proposed curtailment of lands set apart for them in that township?

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I feel inclined to ask for reconsideration of the proposal, but hope to be able to discuss the matter personally with you. It was not convenient for me to leave the city during the last couple of weeks, but I may be able to go to Toronto before very long and will call upon you. As there is not very much involved in this question of the Gibson reserve, you might be able to meet the wishes of the Indians.

Wishing you a Very Happy New Year, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Superintendent General.