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Ottawa, 18th June, 1919.

Sir,-

Referring to your letters of the 30th April last, relative to the Cold Lake Band of Indians, I beg to state that the suggestion made by you to divide this Band into two distinct Bands in view of the fact that the Indians are divided into two factions which do not seem to agree, has been given due consideration, and it has been decided to make the separation. You may, therefore, take the matter up with them at the next annuity payments and endeavour to carry out the proposed division on the following terms:-

According to the present population of the Chipewyans of the two factions, it is thought that a fair division would be to allow the Isle a la Croix Indians who are living on Reserve No. 149 to retain that Reserve together with the Fishing Station Reserve No. 149A, to give them access to Cold Lake, and to give Reserve No. 149B to the Heart Lake Indians who at present occupy that Reserve. It may be argued that this would give more land per capita to the Band retaining Reserves Nos. 149 and 149A, but if this question is raised you should inform the Indians that it would not be advisable to cut off a few sections from Reserve 149 for the Heart Lake Indians. These Indians will have in Reserve 149B about as much land as they are entitled under the terms of the Treaty, but should at a later date any of them wish to start farming and express a desire to be admitted to Reserve No. 149 they could be transferred in the usual way.

With regard to the funds now at the credit of the Chipewyan Band, the Department considers that they belong to the whole Band and it has been decided to contribute

Yours faithfully,
 Indian Agent.

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