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Memorandum

The Honourable the Superintendent General

When a portion of the Sarnia Indian reserve was surrendered and sold in 1924 to the Dominion Alloy Steel Corporation, the building of the Methodist congregation was on the surrendered land. The Company undertook to move the building from where it was located to a selected site on the Indian reserve. This, however, was not done and as the years have passed the building has fallen into a delapidated condition. The matter was placed before the Dominion Alloy Steel Corporation to carry out its promise of moving the building, but it was found that this could not be done, as the building was in such a state of decay. The Company then agreed to pay \$800.00 towards the erection of a new building and when this payment was made, a grant of \$200.00 was made by the Company, thus making available \$1000.00 for the purpose.

The Indians have pressed for the erection of a new building, but the project was held up as the Anglican as well as the United Church carried on work on the reserve. This objection has now been overcome as the Anglican church has withdrawn its work from the Sarnia reserve, leaving the field to the United Church and the United Church has withdrawn from the neighbouring Kettle and Stony Point reserve where the Anglican Church has taken over the work.

The Indians have passed a resolution favouring the erection of a new church on the Sarnia reserve and, while no stipulated amount has been set, the consensus of opinion

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