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Ottawa, 11th December 1916.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, No.476287, I beg to inform you that an Order-in-Council dated the 23rd September last, accepting the surrender by the Pine River band of Indians of a portion of their reserve to be exchanged for other lands, was cancelled and under instructions from the Hon. Dr. Poche the memorandum for Council was prepared on which the joint Order-in-Council of 16th October last was passed. With reference to the inclusion of Section 11, Tp.13-36-20, I beg to refer you to your letter of the 5th May last No. 84911.

With regard to the second paragraph of your letter I have to by that the Pine River Indian reserve was allotted and surveyed in 1887 under the provisions of Treaty No.2 and became an Indian reserve with the meaning of the Act. A copy of the plan was sent to your Department, 18th July 18 It is presumed that as the Dominion Land surveys did not reach this locality for some years after, the reserve has ac had the desirable confirmation by Order-in-Council. I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to take the usual ste to have it confirmed.

Your bedient servant,

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