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House of Commons



Ottawa, May 2nd 1901

James A. Smeat Esq.
Depy. Minister of Interior
Dear Sir.

Referring to our conversation I have to ask your attention to the fact that the Indian families living at Pine Tree Gut and at Indian Cove - Fishers Grant - in the County of Pictou, are impeded with lands on which they may cut fire wood. In consequence they are suffering. In the parts of the County near the shore where the Indians live, firewood is becoming scarce. Last year a vote in Supplementary Estimates made provision for admiral coal.

Firewood is a necessary of life for the Indian and provision should be made. If not he supplies himself with wood by going to his neighbour. I will be much obliged if you can give a small grant for this purpose.

Yours truly
A. C. Bell.

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