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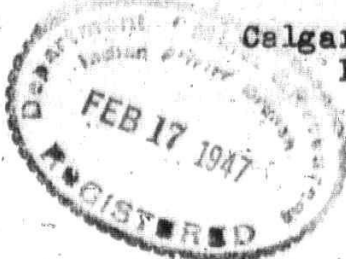
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Calgary, Alberta,
Feb. 14th, 1947.



The Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Nordegg Group, Stony Indian Agency,
Your file 27119-1-(TR)

While in Edmonton on the 5th instant, an interview was obtained with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Alberta Provincial Government, Edmonton. This gentleman (Mr. McKinnon) was made acquainted with the existing situation of the Nordegg group of Stony Indians; that they were squatters in the Clearwater Forest Reserve and that it is the desire of our Branch to secure, if at all possible, sufficient land in this Forest Reserve to establish them on an Indian Reservation.

Mr. McKinnon was non-committal, but gave his assurance that no action would be taken which would affect these Indians without first advising our Branch. He went further and stated that there was little or no likelihood of any of this forest reserve being turned over to individuals, Companies or Associations.

At the time of my interview, the Provincial Forestry employees were in convention to consider the policy in regard to reforestation and building up the east mountain slopes. Mr. McKinnon stated that there was a close liason between the Dominion and Provincial Forestry Branches.

There was also at this time a rush for oil leases as the Imperial Oil had brought in a well at Leduc. The interview was not, therefore, very satisfactory, but Mr. McKinnon stated that his Department would take this under advisement and would be prepared to talk it over with our representative again in a month's time.

Before the interview was arranged, Mr. W. B. Skead, Fur Supervisor, had attended, as a listener, a meeting of the Fish and Game Association at Nordegg on the 2nd instant. A rumour had come to us that members of this association were suggesting a closed game area of five miles on either side of the Thompson Highway from Nordegg west to the confluence of the Big Horn River and the North Saskatchewan.