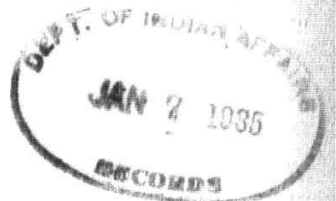


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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario,

Parry Sound, Ont.,

Jan 5, 1935,

Sir;

Yours of Jan 4th, 23022-5 received tonight. In reply I have to state that on receipt of same I immediately went to the Northern Development office and had an interview with Mr. Richardson, the engineer in charge and Dr. Armstrong M.P.P.

Dr. Armstrong informed me he had wired the Hon. Mr. Murphy Minister of the Interior for permission to go ahead with this road work on the Parry Island Reserve as an unemployed relief project but had received no reply.

In communication with Mr. E. J. Hosking, District engineer of the Northern Development at Huntsville I received the enclosed letter of Dec. 7th. Since then I have been waiting on word from the Department of Indian Affairs re the work on Parry Island Road. This letter states that Mr. Hosking did not recommend the taking over the road, but that he recommended that work be done on it, with the view of helping the Indians.

Also enclosed find another letter from Mr. Hosking, which has reference to work on the road on Gibson Reserve which he figures cannot be done at present. Please observe what Mr. Hosking states re arranging about a quota of the more needy of the Gibson Reserve. I will write later on and inform the Department how I have been enabled to keep down relief costs by co-operating with the Northern Development officials and the member, Dr. Armstrong of Parry Sound, District, and Mr. Kelly, the member of Muskoka District, also Captain McIntosh, the relief officer of this district.

Meantime I am blocked in my endeavour to keep up the good work, because the Deputy Minister of

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