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Ottawa, August 20, 1909.

Dear Sir,-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, reporting information in regard to fires on the north shore of Georgian Bay, which it is alleged have been started by Indians' camp fires, and in reply to inform you that similar information reached this Department a few days ago, and immediate action was taken thereon.

The Indian Agents at Manitowaning, Thessalon, Sturgeon Falls and Parry Sound have been advised of these fires, of the alleged carelessness of Indians, and that the Department regards the representations made very seriously. They have been instructed to warn the Indians under their control, individually and collectively, against leaving camp-fires unextinguished and to inform them that they are liable to severe penalties in the same manner as white men under the Criminal Code for setting
fire

Gen. Frank Cochrane,
Dept. of Lands, Forests & Mines,
Toronto, Ont.

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