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Ottawa, 5th September, 1917.

Sirs,

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have to say that before the location of the Abitibi reserve was decided upon, every opportunity was given the Indians to decide as to the situation of the lands which it was desired by them should be set apart for that purpose. Representative Indians talked the matter over and were agreed in asking for the reserve as at present situated, and their request was approved by Provincial Order in Council of the 13th February, 1907. The reserve was also surveyed during the summer of 1908. It is considered therefore that the location should be adhered to.

As regards the mining location mentioned by you, I have to say that due regard was paid to this matter and a parcel of land containing thirty-nine acres situated west of and adjacent to the reserve was by Provincial Order in Council of the 1st December, 1910, granted in compensation for the land taken within the reserve. This action, it may be said, met with the approval of the Abitibi Indians when it was submitted to them by an officer of the Department in July 1909.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. McLean

Messrs. Charles Pierce,
and
Frank Kistabish,
Low Bush,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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