

Ottawa, 14th August, 1891.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the suit being brought by the Six Nation Indians against the Queen in respect to the Dunnville dam, I beg to state in reply to the enquiries made by you therein as to who should represent the Indians in the case, that I have no name specially to suggest. Should it, however, be considered advisable to have some local practitioner as their representative and, as you say, some one also who is known to the Indians and in whom they have confidence, I beg to inform you that in my own opinion Mr. V. Mackenzie, Q.C., of Brantford, would be acceptable to the Indians. He is regarded by them as clever lawyer, and they have, I think, on previous occasions expressed a preference for his employment in connection with suits instituted by the Department in their behalf. There are also at Brantford Mr. W. S. Brewster, Q.C., who is

R. Sedgewick, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Justice.

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