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Dr. McGill

JULY 12th, 1941.

An inspection of the Pictou County Agency was made this date and Rev. E. Chiasson, Indian Agent, interviewed.

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The main source of revenue derived by the Indians is from the sale of axe and pick handles and fancy baskets. Pick handles are used extensively by the nearby coal mines and are all supplied by this Reserve. One Indian, Tom Francis, contracted with the Acadia Coal Company to supply them over a period of one year with 650 dozen pick handles at \$1.25 a dozen and had no difficulty completing the contract. The maple for the handles is produced from various sources and in some instances is hauled ten miles. Baskets are also made chiefly from maple as ash is not available.

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W.S. Arneil,
Inspector of Indian Agencies.

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