

MEMORANDUM.

Ottawa, October 5 1912.

Mr. P. E. Blondin, Deputy Speaker, House of Commons, wrote the Department recently calling attention to the fact that there is a great deal of timber on the Indian reserve known as Weymontachi, which he suggests should be so ld.

There does not appear to be any report on file showing the kinds and quantities of timber on the reserve.

The Coucoucache reserve is small and has been trespassed upon to the extent of half a million of feet, B.M and there is not much timber remaining for the Indians.

In July, 1908, Chief Gabriel Awoolish of the Kickendatch Indians, asked the Department for a reserve at Kickendatch, or up to any point not over 40 miles north, but not east, west, or south, and was asked how many people there are in his band, and he reported the number as 151: 32 males from 22 to 65 years, the remainder being aged women and young persons.

In September, 1909, the Department of Lands and Forests, Quebec, was asked for 8 square miles of land as a reserve for them, and a reply was received that only 581 acres remained of the lands to be distributed among the Indian bands, and in December, 1909, that Department was asked if it would consider the purchase of 3,000 acres for these Indians and if so at what price.

In reply the Deputy Minister of Lands, Mines & Fisheries stated that he had received information that the Indians of Weymontachingue and Coucoucache would be pleased to