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September, 29th,
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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Erection of New Church,
St. Clair Reserve.

Dr. Barner and I have tried faithfully to get the Indians on the St. Clair Reserve to consider the idea of building their new church by having a certain number of people sign over a part of their annual payments. I think it is no exaggeration to say that they are unanimously opposed to the idea. It seems to us, therefore, that the Department should seriously consider the carrying into effect of the very amicable arrangement that was arrived at some years ago and permit the Band - as is their evident wish - to vote a sum of money from their Band funds for the building of the church.

If it is the intention of the Department to change the policy which has been followed previously and in harmony with which the above mentioned resolution was passed by the Band, it seems to me that the Church co-operating with the Department of Indian Affairs in the administration of Indian Work should be notified. I wish to assure you, however, that whatever policy is decided upon by the Department for the future in regard to this matter of building will be faithfully adhered to by the United Church. In the meantime, it would seem as if projects like this that have been under way for several years should be carried through, in order to keep faith with the Indians.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth J. Beaton

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