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Ottawa, 27th April, 1900.

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Dear Senator,-

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a letter from the Rev. Roderick McDonald, of Ferrona, Pictou Co., Nova Scotia, in which he suggests the advisability of purchasing eighty acres of land from one Mr. Scott, to be added to the Fisher's Grant Reserve, I beg to state that in 1874 a tract of eighty-four acres was purchased by the Department at a cost of \$1157.00, and again in 1888 another tract of thirty acres at a cost of \$300.00; thus making a total of \$1457.00 already expended by the Department to provide for land for these Indians. They have now 164 acres, and if the eighty acres were purchased their holdings would not be very much increased. I may say, however, that there are no funds available, and the Department does not consider it advisable to ask Parliament for an appropriation for the purpose this year.

Yours very truly,

Hon. J. W. Carmichael,

The Senate.

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