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Ottawa, July 17, 1914.


Sir.-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant. in regard to proposed surrender of land by the Kay Band, and in connection therewith would point out that there is still a portion of the land on this reserve which was surrendered some years ago, unsold.

It is proposed to pay the Indians \$100.00 a head, which would amount to \$2500, and it would appear doubtful as to whether the land, if surrendered, could be advantageously disposed of at the present time, and in any case, as the land would be sold on ten year payment. it would take a number of years to recoup the Band funds for amount advanced to the Indians.

I might point out that if the Indians desire cattle for farming purposes, the same could be purchased for them with their funds, in accordance with the provisions of section 90 of the Indian Act, if considered advisable by the Department to do so.

Your obedient servant,


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