

MEMORANDUM.

OTTAWA, 10th ~~Dec~~ January, 1905.

To the Deputy Minister:-

The Rev. J.D. McLeod, Indian Agent of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia has reported that the Indians of Fishers' Grant Reserve have no hard wood on their land, although they have softwood in considerable quantity.

He states that the Indians have to steal firewood during the winter in order to keep themselves warm, much to the chagrin of the proprietors of the land.

Last month he reported that a gentleman, Mr. John Fraser had 10 acres of hardwood which he would sell at \$4.00 per acre, and this lot would supply the wants of the Indians for many years.

The Agent favours the purchase and under the circumstances and in view of the benefit to be derived from the small expenditure — \$40.00, — I would respectfully recommend that the purchase be made now if the funds are available and, if not, that the amount be placed in the supplementary estimates for this purpose.

*Geo. L. Chitty*  
*Timber Inspector*  
*GC*