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Memo. for the Accountant.

The funds accruing from the sale of timber, on reserve 106 A, surrendered by the Indians, appear to have been so far, very unfairly divided between the bands interested in that reserve, namely, the Lac La Ronge and Montreal Lake bands.

The Order-in-Council of 6th January, 1900, setting aside the reserve, declares that the lands therein "shall be and the same are hereby reserved for the 'Montreal Lake' and 'Lac la Ronge' Indians."

Mr. A.W. Ponton, D.L.S., who surveyed the reserve in 1897, at the end of his field-notes, states that "each band is entitled to an undivided share."

The Department, writing to the Indian Commissioner on April 7, 1905, said:- "The contention of the Lac la Ronge Indians that the reserve, No. 106A, was set aside for the joint use and benefit of the Montreal Lake, and their band, is quite correct x x x they are entitled to their equitable share of the proceeds of the sale of the timber and will receive it at the proper time."

All that seems to have been done to carry out this promise was to place to the credit of the Lac la Ronge Indians and expend for their benefit \$275.00, or half of the deposit given as security by the successful tenderer for the timber when it was sold. All the other payments for the timber have been placed to the credit of Montreal Lake band, and the expenditure therefrom made to the latter band.

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