

Ottawa, January 7, 1918.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, in regard to issue of patent to Mr. Fahey for land on the Richibucto reserve, and in reply to say that, in view of the fact that representations have been made to the Department that there has been false swearing in this case, and that the matter is being placed in the hands of a lawyer to take the necessary action to establish Roberts' claim, it has been decided to allow the question of issue of patent to remain in abeyance for the present.

I may also inform you that Mrs. Roberts has laid her case at the foot of the Throne, and a communication from the Foreign Secretary's office is now before the Department.

Your obedient servant,



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