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Canada

Lands and Timber Branch

Ottawa, June 13, 1917.

Memo. to the Deputy Minister, -

In regard to letter of the 9th instant, from Mr. Armstrong, M.P., as to chattels containing oil equipment, etc., located on Indian reserve at Sarnia, I beg to say that Dr. Thomas L. Kane, of Kane, Pennsylvania, who was interested in the mining permit for oil and gas on portion of the Sarnia reserve, and who placed certain equipment in connection with his exploration on the reserve, was, in December last, given permission to remove the property which he was entitled to remove under his permit last spring. It is possible that he has not yet removed this property, and the Department would not be in a position to give any right at present to use it.

The surrender which was given of certain lots on the Sarnia reserve in 1906 was for a term of two years, or so long as land would produce oil or gas in paying quantities. As the permit which was given under this surrender has been terminated, I do not think that any prospecting could be allowed unless under a new surrender granted by the Indians.

Officer in Charge.