

January 4th,

Sir,

*I have the honour to*  
 refer ~~to~~ to your letter of the 10th February  
 1886, in which you informed this Department that the  
 Department of Crown Lands, Quebec, would be glad to  
 issue instructions for the survey of the proposed In-  
 dian Reserves on the St. Maurice River at any time,  
 as soon as a decision had been arrived at by this De-  
 partment with regard to the precise location and ex-  
 tent of these Reserves. You further informed the De-  
 partment that the Reserve in question could, at that  
 time, be located at any point along the St. Maurice  
 River from La Tuque to Wamoutachingue, on either side  
 of the river, and that as to their shape or figure,  
 the only condition imposed by the Department of Crown  
 Lands was that the total river front of a Reserve  
 should not exceed the depth to be given to form the re-  
 quired area <sup>thereof</sup> ~~of the Reserve~~.

It is the intention of the Department to send one  
 of its officers if possible during the coming summer  
 to survey a Reserve at or near Wamoutachingue, and  
 another in the neighbourhood of Coccoache: the of-  
 ficer who will probably be selected will be Mr. Wil-  
 liam A. Austin, D.L.S., who is also a member of the

A. E. Tache, Esq.,

Assistant Commissioner of

Crown Lands,

Quebec.