

Ottawa 8th May 1901-

Rev. Sir-

I have been directed to inform you that Mr. A. C. Bell, M. P., has represented to this Department that the Indian families living at Pine Tree Gut and at Indian Cove, Fisher's Grant, are unprovided with lands on which they may cut firewood, and in consequence they are taking trespassing, as wood is becoming scarce near the shore where the Indians live, and that some provision should be made to remedy this want and grievance.

The Department was unaware that any scarcity of firewood for these Indians existed, as it was officially reported, about two years ago, that Reserves 24A and 24C were well timbered.

I have, therefore, to request you to report fully to the Department relative to the alleged inadequate supply of wooded land available for these Indians, and if it found that more wood land is urgently required that you will have the goodness to furnish a recommendation as to the best means of providing what may be considered necessary for them.

Your obedient servant

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Secretary.

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