

No. 225792.

Memorandum

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Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, 12th April, 1906.

The Deputy Supt. General,-

On the 9th ultimo, Mr. Graham, Indian Inspector, wrote recommending an extension of the survey of the File Hills Colony, on Peepekesis Indian reserve into 80 acre lots. He states that some of the Indians intend breaking outside of the Colony, and unless the survey is made before they plough their fields and build houses, matters will be in a most unsatisfactory state.

Mr. Laird, Indian Commissioner, was written to on the 21st ultimo in reference to the matter, and his attention was drawn to a letter of the 16th October, 1902, in which he was authorized to take proceedings to amalgamate the File Hills band, namely, - "Peepekesis", "Okanese", "Star Blanket", and "Little Black Bear", as recommended by his letter of the 30th September, 1902.

The population of these four bands is now two hundred and fifty.

Mr. Laird, on the 4th instant, writes that as there is no immediate prospect of the amalgamation being agreed to, he is inclined to support Mr. Graham's recommendation, and that Indians of that band "Peepekesis", would be placed in a better position by being located on surveyed lots.

Mr. Graham states, on the 31st ultimo, that he fears that it will be a long time before an amalgamation takes place, and if the extension of the File Hills Colony depends on this it will make trouble later on, and that he cannot now keep Indians from ploughing fields just outside of the Colony.

All the good farming plots in the Colony are

now

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