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MEMORANDUM.

Ottawa, 20th April, 1900-

To the Secretary

In preparing the report desired

by the Deputy Minister, in his Memo. of the 19th Inst.

I beg leave to submit the following remarks, ~~wherein~~.

The original Reserve at Fisher's Grant, Pictou Co. N.S. as received from the N.S. Government, contained 50 Acres. In 1874, a Tract of 89 Acres (subsequently reduced by exchange of a portion of it to 84 Acres) adjoining the original Reserve, was purchased by this Dept. for the Indians, at a cost of \$1157.00, and again in 1888 another tract of 30 Acres also adjoining the Res. was purchased at a cost of \$300.00, thus making a total of ~~\$1~~ \$1457.00 expended by the Dept. to provide lands for these Indians, in all 164 Acres.

In view of the fact that they had apparently already been dealt with liberally, and that there were no funds available to purchase the tract desired by the Indian Agent, he was informed on 23rd May last, that the Dept. could not then see its way to entertain a proposal to enlarge the Res.

As the Agent continues to urge to the effect that these Indians have not sufficient land, it might be desirable to reconsider the matter.

There are no funds from which the amount required viz. \$1200.00, may be drawn. If it is decided to make the purchase, provision will require to be made in the Estimates.

*There is also in Pictou County Indian Islands only 35 acres*

*L. Bray*

Chief Surveyor-