

Ottawa, March 8, 1910.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, inclosing resolution of Council of the Chippewas of the Thames in regard to disposition of gravel along the river bank, on one acre of Lot 1, R. 6, Caradoc, and in reply to say that the Department is not disposed to sanction the issue of the permit in question, especially in view of the fact that the land in question is at present under lease.

As you are aware, under the provisions of the Indian Act, no disposition of gravel, which is a portion of the reserve, can be made without surrender by the Indians, in the usual way.

Your obedient Servant,

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Secretary.

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