

square miles for the Lac la Ronge and some 9 square miles for the Montreal Lake Bands, the latter to surrender an equal area of Reserve already surveyed.)" The population of the Montreal Lake Band in 1897 (148 souls) would entitle them to 28.6 square miles and the 9 square miles referred to with 28 sq. miles in Reserve 106 gave them a total of 32 square miles.

It does not appear that they ever surrendered any land in Reserve 106 in lieu of the 9 sq. miles in 106 A.

The population of Lac la Ronge Band in 1897 was 484 souls entitling them to 96.8 square miles.

Although the memo, referred to states that the new Reserve was to contain 39 square miles it was evidently decided later to set apart more land as Reserve 106 A. actually has an area of <sup>square</sup> 56.5 miles.

I cannot find the instructions from the Commissioner to Surveyor Ponton to ascertain in what proportion these two Bands were to share in Reserve 106 A. after it was decided to increase the area to 56.5 square miles.

Taking however as a basis the population of 1897 - the year of the survey - the Montreal Lake Band was not even entitled to the 9 square miles, unless they surrendered land in the old Reserve - which they do not appear to have done.

I am therefore of the opinion that the share of the two