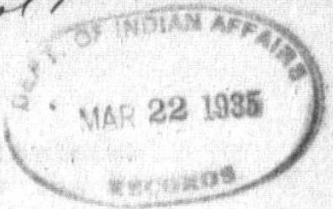




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W. INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

REGINA, SASK., 19th March, 1935.

Sir:-

I beg to inform the Department that a delegation of the Pasqua Indians, headed by the Chief and Councillors, came to see me with regard to a resolution which was unanimously passed by the Band on November 5th, 1934, requesting the Department to authorize an expenditure from their Band Funds for the purpose of constructing dams to furnish them with a water supply during the summer months and for certain road improvements on the Reserve.

The Indians appear to be very much concerned regarding this matter. The dams were really urgently required; in that during the summer months, owing to the dry years we have experienced, their sources of water supply have dried up and they have to go to a considerable distance in order to get water for their stock when working on their land. This drouth has effected the wells on the Reserve as well. They have wells in the deep coulees which provide the water supply, but these are inaccessible during the summer months.

Immediately after the resolution was passed the Indian Agent, Mr. Booth, had to be taken to hospital for an appendix operation. The Indians were very anxious to get the work done and went ahead before the necessary authority arrived. If they had not done so, they said they could not have done the work as the season was so far advanced. They also stated that certain road work was carried on at the Muscowpetung Reserve under the same circumstances and the work at that point has been passed and paid for. They feel that they are not receiving equal treatment with the Muscowpetung Band and have asked me if I would place their case before the Department and explain that they required this work urgently, they are well satisfied with it, and it is their desire that the work should be paid for. I have

- explained to them -

The Secretary,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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