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For the last year or two the Indians of Pictou County wished me to communicate with the Department with regard to the purchase of more arable land. I think it is more to their advantage to have ^{land} their Reserves in one block than to have it in small Reserves in different parts of the County. The example of those already attending fairly well to farming and the benefit derived therefrom will be a strong inducement to the others to give more of their time and attention to agriculture. Another advantage is the convenience of the Indian School situated on such a Reserve. Scattered as they are at present it is difficult to get more than one half the number of children to attend school. According to plan of Indian Reserves at Fisher's Grant sent me with letter dated 16th February 1899 No 6079 I see there are 164 acres. If one fourth of all this land were arable, with the Indian Island Reserve, it might be considered that they have all the land they can use, but I must say that it is my opinion that of the 164 acres referred to, no more than 25 acres can be worked with any facility. The Res. 24 marked on plan above referred to is largely destroyed by the Woodie Cove and Sand beach. The only other available piece of land fit for the plough is a part of No 24 B marked on plan. The whole of the two lots of