

Captain Ironside

Indian Department
Tues 12th Dec 1851.

Sir,

5588.

I find before the Governor General your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing copy of a correspondence between you and the Rev. Dr. Mcneave on the subject of an application which you have received from that gentleman for the use of the Schoolmaster's house at Manitowaning as a temporary schoolhouse. His Excellency approves of your reference to the Department for instructions but considers that you were still more bound to do so before permitting Mr. Lonsdale to take up his residence there not can he for a moment admit any claim on the part of that gentleman to retain possession of it should any other arrangement be found more suitable to the interests of the Indians.

For many reasons His Excellency would prefer that the school house should be used for its appropriate purpose and he considers it indispensable that the Schoolmaster's residence should be inhabited during the winter. He is also most anxious that the school should be kept up as proposed by Dr. Mcneave until the appointment of a teacher. In a letter which I have received from the Rev. Dr. Mcneave he states that the task of temporarily conducting the school is to be undertaken by a lady of his family, a circumstance which should have been named in his communication to you. Should the distance between the residence of the Missionary and the schoolhouse prevent her from carrying this intention into effect you will endeavor to provide suitable accommodation either at the schoolhouse or some neighbouring building provided this can be done without risk or expense to the Department.

You will be pleased to communicate His Excellency's views on the subject to Dr. Mcneave.

I have
signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

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Indian Department
Tues 13th Dec 1851.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Mr. J. C. Bailey has resigned his appointment of Schoolmaster at Manitowaning, such resignation taking date from the 30th September last. Mr. Bailey is of course entitled to draw his salary after that period.

I have

signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

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The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs has the honor to bring the accompanying letter from the Visiting Supt. of Lower Canada under the Governor General's consideration and to remark with respect to the application therein submitted that the Act Cap 106 of last Session empowers the Superintendent General to distribute £1,000 annually among the Indian Tribes of Lower Canada under the direction of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

It appears that the Montagnais Indians sought the aid of the Provincial Government in the years 1848 and 1849 and that on each of these occasions the sum of £450 was laid out in the purchase of clothing, provisions and ammunition for distribution among them.

They were at the same time distinctly warned that their country was not to be continued. The Supt. Genl. ventures however to suggest that under the circumstances of the case a sum not exceeding £250 should be appropriated to their immediate relief, and that under the provisions of the above cited Act they should be located on land near Spring and a further sum of £— be expended in purchasing agricultural stock and implements for them.

All which is respectfully submitted
signed / R. Bruce
Supt. Genl.

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