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Ottawa, 30th May, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th inst. in which you suggest, for the reasons stated therein, that the Indians of the St. Mary's Parry be removed to a Reserve further from Fredericton.

In this connection I have to point out that Indians are amenable to the law the same as whites, and if whites violate the provisions of the Indian Act in giving them liquor they should be punished. It might be well if you would call the attention of the Indian Agent - Mr. James White, Centreville - to the condition of affairs there, and if they can be improved by a more strict enforcement of the provisions of the law in regard to the Indian Act this would be best.

As to the removal of the Indians you will understand that this is a somewhat difficult proposition, and as the Indians have been so long located there the Department does not feel that it would be warranted in considering, at present, the question of their removal.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. W. Pratt,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary

Inspector, Dept. of

N. S. Indian Schools.

St. Mary's Parry, N. S.

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