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Secretary Department of Indian Affairs
Ottawa



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Sir: I wish to state in reply to your letter of 5th May 1899 No 6079 that there are no other Indian Reserves, to my knowledge, in Pictou County except those mentioned in your letter, namely Fisher's Grant Reserves and the two islands in Merigomish Harbor. The name "Indian Cove" is commonly made use of as indicating the part of Fisher's Grant where the Indians reside. It is marked on the plan sent me as "Woodie's Cove". To avoid mistakes or misunderstanding, I will in future call the Reserves there, "Fisher's Grant Reserves". The locality called "Pine Tree" in my correspondence is at the head of Merigomish Harbor, and in this place at a point bordering on the harbor, reside or have squatted six or more families of Indians. Both these Indians and one of the proprietors of the land on which they squatted had asked me to present their case to the Dept. with the view of purchasing said land for them. See letters dated Ottawa 12th April 1889 No 6079. Ottawa 12th May 1892 No 6079. My reasons for stating that I thought it would be to their advantage to have their Reserves in one block, than to have it in small Reserves, in different parts of the County, was that if the Dept. decided upon purchasing more land for them, it would be better to have it purchased adjoining their Reserves at Fisher's Grant rather than at Pine Tree. I would not however

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