



House of Commons

OTTAWA

Saturday - June
9th, 1917.

Mr. Scott,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Scott,-

I am advised that certain chattels containing oil equipment, etc., are located on the Indian Reserve at Sarnia, Ont.

The party who is making the "application" is anxious to know whether you would allow him to test the wells with the material that is there, and in the event of his wanting to lease the property along with a few hundred acres adjoining for the purpose of drilling further test wells, whether your Department was prepared to grant him a lease whereby he would pay a reasonable royalty if he were able to secure ~~some~~ ^{oil}. The property is idle now, going to waste, and, therefore, affording no revenue.

Kindly advise me what you are at liberty to do in connection with this matter.

Yours very truly,

J. E. Armstrong