

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., July 19th. 1926

The Officer Commanding,  
R. C. Mounted Police,  
Western Ontario District,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Sir,

re:- Indians, - Michipicoten Harbour Band.

I have the honour to report with reference to  
to above, that when the Indian Agent, A. D. McNabb, and my-  
self arrived at Michipicoten Harbour, Ont., on the evening  
of the 16th., inst., we were met by The Chief of The Michi-  
picoten Band of Indians and most of the other Indians of  
that Band, including one Robert Sulliere.

The Chief was very hostile and abusive to  
the Indian Agent and they all refused to accept their  
Treaty Money. The Agent enquired in a very friendly manner  
what was the matter with them, and Robert Sulliere who acted  
as spokesman for the party, informed the Indian Agent that  
he was not playing fair with the Indians, as they had asked  
for roads to be made on the Reserve and nothing had been  
done in this matter, and that he the Agent was responsible  
for this work not having been done. Sulliere also stated  
that the Agent had sold the timber on the Reserve and that  
they had received no money for this sale.

Mr. McNabb explained to them that he had sent  
their request for roads to the Department of Indian Affairs  
at Ottawa, Ont., and that he had received a reply from them  
stating that no grant could be made for the building of  
roads at the present time, also that he had no say in the  
matter, as the making of roads was a matter entirely in the  
hands of the Department of Indian Affairs.

He explained to them that they had surrendered  
timber on the Reserve of their own free will to The  
Lumber Co., and that it was being cut on a "Stumpage"  
basis and as soon as the Lumber Co., began to take out the  
timber, the money received from them would be placed to the  
credit of the Michipicoten Band, as they still appeared to  
be on the Reserve. The Agent, I told them that they had better  
come around in the morning.

At 8.30 a.m. the following morning they came  
and accepted their Treaty Money without question  
quite friendly to the Agent.

On enquiries from some of the Indians  
I was informed that the Chief was  
the cause of all the trouble, also that  
there was agitating the Chief to  
leave the Reserve. This is  
the Indians of the Res-  
erve. I told them that they had better  
come around in the morning.