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Senior Sergeant, N.S., March, 26th, 1910

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th, inst., No. 6079, and to say that I hope to be able to provide you with the desired information at an early date.

If the Department has decided to acquire Mr. C. B. Spruce's land as a wood lot for the Indians of Pictou banding, I believe it has acted wisely. But, I would strongly advise against handing over the property, which is a valuable one, to be indiscriminately exploited by the Indians. I think it altogether advisable to divide it into lots by actual survey, and give each Indian a lot for his particular use, as is the case at Millbrook, Colchester Co., N.S., where I note there is little, or no, waste of material in the woods, contrary to my experience in that respect on any other reserve that I am acquainted with.

Your obedient servant
A. J. Boyd
Indian Supt.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.