

There were a <sup>large</sup> number of fur-traders coming from almost everywhere who come in June on the Transcontinental to meet the Indians of St.Maurice, so that a large number of them, instead of going direct to Wg., camp~~ed~~ at various spots along that line awaiting the traders, and **do** not go to Wg. until the last days of June. With the means that I took, letters and public notices at different places on the Transcontinental, I am certain of meeting the largest number of them on July 2 for the meeting called for that day at Wg. I shall be there two or three days in advance in order to see to the complete organization of this meeting, and I believe that the Indians will not have any objection to surrender the timber on their reserve.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to the Indians: [See Indian letter in original]

In the same letter I repeated in French that there would be a large meeting on July 2, and that all the Indians ought to be present without fail.

I addressed these letters to the following Indians, and Mr. Miller promised me that he would send them to them.

[For names, see original] All these Indians are heads of families at Wg. Besides these, there are some young people over 21 years of age whose names I could not obtain, but who will come to the meeting.

As for the rest, as well as the meeting, I shall follow faithfully all the instructions that have been given me by Mr. Scott.

Now in order that I may make this trip, which is somewhat expensive, the Department ought to give me an advance of some \$40.00, and to send me this cheque as soon as possible, because I intend to start on June 27 or 28 at latest. I may remark that on the Transcontinental we are charged 5¢ a mile each way, and board at LaTuque and elsewhere on the St.Maurice

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