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Ottawa, 15th April 1915.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 23rd September last addressed to Norman Harrison Esq., Priddie, Alberta, which has been forwarded to the Department, I have to inform you that a surrender for a highway across an Indian Reserve is no longer necessary if the proper procedure is taken in order that the land may be acquired under the provisions of Section 46 of the Indian Act as amended in 1911.

The portion of road to be opened is stated to be a production of ~~the~~ road from the north limit of Township 22, between Ranges 2 and 3, north about half a mile to meet the Priddie Trail across the Sarcee Reserve.

S. B.
As far as the Department is aware there is no special objection to the opening of the piece of road as desired and if you know of no valid objection, you may inform the applicants that if an application is made to this Department by Department of Public Works of the Province, accompanied by a usual sketch or plan, the matter can then be taken up and dealt with by this Department in precisely a similar manner as that taken for rights of way of railways. If this procedure is taken the Indians will then be consulted as usual to ascertain their views and to obtain their concurrence if possible with any arrangements that may be arrived at as to compensation or other matters in connection with the opening of the road.

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Your obedient servant,

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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