

glad if the Department would take this matter up with the Department of Marine and Fisheries. I want to assure the Indians that they may fish, but before doing this I want the approval of the Department.

With regard to the Portage la Loche Indians. The Fort McMurray Band and the Fort McMurray Stragglers should be considered as one band, and it might be a good idea to appoint Michael le Maigre, Headman over the united band.

I think the twine asked for at the various points should be supplied this fall; the same quantities as supplied last year would meet the requirements.

With regard to the matter of re-surveying the additional 30.6 square miles; it seems to me that it would be unwise to do this at the present time when Government money is so scarce. This is a matter which could be put off for some time. I understand that Mr. Taylor took this matter up with you last September; had I known this I would have advised that the matter be allowed to stand. I think it would be advisable if matters of this kind were referred to me. Mr. Taylor has just shown me a letter which you wrote to him on the 9th of February, 1923. I believe he took this letter to his house and I knew nothing about it until after I had received this report.

Regarding the team of horses, harness and sleighs that are asked for for Peter Ballendines Band; this should not be necessary. I understand that the horses are to be used to haul their supplies from The Pas. This is a joke; two weeks or a month after, we would hear that one of the horses had died. If these Indians are as well off as reports would indicate, the last thing we should have to do is to buy horses and sleighs for them and I have told Mr. Taylor that I would not recommend this.

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