

extent of the Indian settlement as it presently exists and that an accurate appraisal should be made as to their needs. It is suggested that care should be taken not to ask for land beyond the needs of the group who will permanently remain there and, as the land will have to be purchased out of public funds, we will have to ascertain from the Province how much land they would be willing to sell us and at what price.

We agree with you and Mr. Laurie that if the Province is willing to make land available we should purchase it for the Nordegg group out of public funds, which we are prepared to do, and you may assure the Province that we would be satisfied with surface and timber rights excluding mineral rights in any such purchase.

It is not suggested that you make a special trip to Edmonton in connection with this matter but you might put it on your agenda the next time you have occasion to visit Edmonton.

Anything you can do to further this matter with the Province and to break down their resistance to selling us the land we require to meet our obligations to the Indians and to enable them to establish permanent residence in the district of their choice will be appreciated.


Director.