

Ottawa, January 2, 1914.

Sir,-

I have to request you to make an examination of the following Indian reserves in the Province of Quebec as soon as circumstances permit, namely, Weymontachi, Coococach and Restigouche, for the purpose of ascertaining the kinds and quantities of timber, and the percentage of land suitable for agricultural purposes on each.

If you find trespass has been committed on any of them, you should endeavour to find out by whom it was made before your return, and the nature and extent of same.

The resident officials of the Hudson Bay Company will be able to afford you valuable information in regard to Indians, resident or otherwise, as the Company kindly consented to their acting in the interest of the Department.

The transactions at Restigouche should be closely investigated. There are two or more cases of refusal to pay dues, concerning which there has been some recent correspondence, and it would be in order to call upon the parties and request payment of claims.

If you find any unauthorized cutting is being done anywhere, you should order the person or persons in charge to cease operations forthwith, taking communication of the kinds and quantities of timber so cut.

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