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The matter was referred to the Department of Indian Affairs as the licensees, the Abitibi Gold Mining Company, Limited, having complied with all the requirements of The Mining Act and paid in the purchase money at \$2.50 per acre, asked that the patent be granted to them, and under date September 16th, 1908, the following letter was received from the Secretary:-

" With reference to mining claims situated within the limits of the tract of land at Abitibi Lake, surveyed as an Indian Reserve, which were obtained prior to the said survey, I have to say that this Department is willing, in accordance with your desire, that your Department should deal with the said claims, and it will be satisfactory to have an area of land added to the reserve equal to that which may be taken up by the mining claims."

On July 13th, 1909, further correspondence was received from the Assistant Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs stating that the Indians of the Abitibi Reserve have agreed to take the tract of land at the north west corner of the reserve between the north limit of the township of Milligan and the lake in exchange for the mining claims referred to.

The total area of the two mining claims, which are designated 42 T P and 43 T P, is 39 acres. On the 15th of August, last, a patent for these mining claims issued to the Lake Abitibi Gold Mining Company, Limited.

The Minister would therefore recommend to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council that an Order in Council be passed vesting the above described parcel, containing 39 acres of land, in His Majesty King George V, as represented by the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in trust for the Abitibi band of Indians.

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To His Honour,

Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines

The Lieutenant Governor in Council.