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Ottawa 16th February, 1906.

Revd Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I beg to say that Mr W.D. Carter, Indian Superintendent, Richibucto, brought to the attention of the Department in September last the request of the Indians of the Red Bank Reserve to have \$1500.00 of their funds devoted to the erection of a Roman Catholic Church on the reserve. Mr Carter was informed in reply that in view of the Indian membership of the congregation the Department considered that the amount which they were asked to contribute was out of proportion to their numbers, as well as out of proportion to their invested capital. The Department has nothing further to add in the matter, beyond drawing attention to the fact that the land on which it is proposed to erect the church belongs to the Indians.

Your obedient servant.

*Tom L. ...*  
Secretary.

Revd Father Duffy,

Red Bank. N.B.

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