

An answer to the question will be demanded by the Indians.

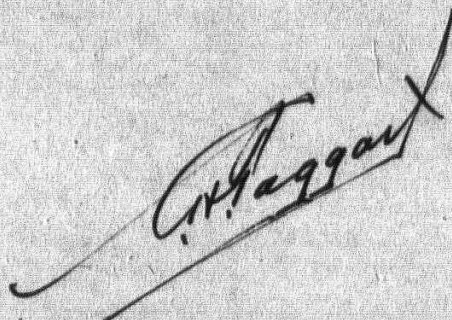
Another question arises - The Temporary pole line agreement, under authority of Order in Council P.C. 4576 (1943), is stated to expire one year after close of the War. New negotiations will, as instructed, have to be carried on with these land holders, the enquiry already made is "When does the War officially end - on what date?" Please supply this information.

Should there be trouble with the Council or individual Band members in opposition to this project, as has been the case formerly, these Indians may use the occasion to question the authority given the Commissioner's Engineers, to enter the Reserve over the signature of anyone below the rank of the Director of Indian Affairs.

This latter statement is made without any idea of prejudice, thought or implied, but simply to guard against any possibility of questioning, which experience has taught us to avoid at all cost.

These several points have been fully discussed with Mr. Indian Agent Brisebois, and he agrees with the ideas expressed.

Respectfully submitted.



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Commissioner.