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Ottawa, April 21st, 1947.

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As you are aware during the past year we acquired for the Stony Band of Alberta the Coppock and Crawford ranches. Under the terms of the purchase agreements the vendors retained possession until April 1st, 1947, and it was therefore not until March 31st, 1947, that by P.C. 1195 authority was given by the Governor General in Council for the setting apart of the said ranches for the use and benefit of the Stony Band of Alberta as additions to Stony Indian Reserve Nos. 142, 143 and 144.

As the property was remaining in the hands of the vendors from the date of sale until April 1st, 1947, it was considered essential that the buildings be insured against loss by fire. If the property had been added to the Reserve immediately following its purchase, the question of insuring a band asset from Band funds would have arisen but due to the necessary postponement of the addition of the lands to the reserve, it was necessary to insure out of departmental appropriation and this was done - the one-year policy taken out, lapsing in September, 1947.

However, now that the land is part of the Stony Reserve the funds of the Band should be used in safeguarding the assets of the Band and I might add that the buildings on the Coppock Ranch are valued at \$21,500.00 and those on the Crawford Ranch at \$8,500.00. I would be pleased, therefore, if, at the next meeting of the Stony Band Council, you would bring the foregoing to the attention of the Council and secure a resolution authorizing the Department to insure the buildings from April 1st, 1947, with the insurance premiums payable from Band funds.

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Band Funds  
See P.C. 1195