

27119-1 (T.R.)

AIRMAIL

Ottawa, Ontario,
January 29, 1947.

G.H. Gooderham, Esq., Inspector of Indian Agencies,
Calgary, Alberta.

Re: Nordegg Group.

We acknowledge your letter of January
4th, 1947.

When The Honourable Mr. Tanner was in
Ottawa a day or two ago we briefly discussed this
matter with him.

He advised us that he was cognizant of
serious objections that his departmental officials
would raise to the establishment of an Indian community
at this location, recommended by Mr. Laurie, in his
report, for the reason that the location is deep into
a forest reserve, and stated definitely that the land
at this location was not available for sale either to
us or to any other applicant at the present time. Mr.
Tanner did not, however, close the door to negotiation and
it is suggested that at the first opportunity you take
the matter up with his Deputy Minister, Mr. Harvie, and
the staff of his Lands Branch. I am enclosing a memoran-
dum prepared by Mr. Allan, Superintendent, Reserves and
Trusts, making certain suggestions as to how the matter
might be furthered.

You will note that Mr. Allan's suggestion
is that a representative of the Alberta Lands Branch and
Mr. W.B. Shead go into the district in the early summer
and report on the local situation and make a tentative
selection of land which we might ask the Province to sell
to us.

It appears to this office that first of
all we must be fully apprised as to the location and

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