(say 20 square miles for the La Ronge and some 9 square miles for the Montreal Lake band, the latter to surrender an equal area of reserve already surveyed) near the Sturgeon Lake."

Reserve 106A, however, as surveyed by Mr. Ponton in 1897, and confirmed afterwards by Order-in-Council, contained 56.5 square miles instead of 29 square miles as proposed by the Department in 1895. But as the Montreal Lake band had before 1897 a reserve of 23 square miles surveyed for them, quite as much as they were entitled to by the census of 1889, upon which Mr. Ponton based his estimate, it seems clear, as they did not surrender any of their own reserve, that the very utmost share of reserve 106A which they can claim is 9 square miles. The Lac la Ronge band had no other reserve surveyed for them at that time, and though they be assigned all the remainder of 106A, or 47.5 square miles, they would still be short (their share number paid in 1889 being 334) of 19.5 square miles.

I therefore concur with Mr. Jean that the share of the two bands in reserve 106A is in the following proportion, viz,-

36100 acres

Montreal Lake, 9/56.5
Lake la Ronge, 47/56.5

The Lac la Ronge band, in my opinion, are entitled to a larger share than the above in reserve 106A, but as they will doubtless be allowed to hold small reserves in the vicinity of Lac la Ronge itself, it seems to me that it will be about fair to divide the moneys accruing from any sales or rentals in connection with the said reservein the proportion stated by Mr. Jean.

D. Laird

Indian Commissioner.