

REPORT.

OTTAWA, 18th of February 1882.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs, by which I am informed that he is directed by you to request me to be good enough to give you the benefit of my views on the Oka Indian question, as you have reason to believe that I have given the matter serious and earnest consideration.

It is quite true that the Oka Indian affairs have caused me great anxiety, and owing to the fact that you had verbally expressed a wish to confer with me on the subject, as well as for other reasons, I have felt it my duty to investigate the history of the case and its present position. Some of the results of my examination may not be gratifying to many with whom I have been accustomed to co-operate, but there is only one path open to me, and that is fairly and impartially to present the case as it really stands according to my candid opinion. It will afford me very great satisfaction if the free expression of my views as herein contained shall in any measure contribute to "a proper solution of the difficulties surrounding this most intricate question." To this end I cheerfully comply with your request.

I have already stated that the subject has occasioned me great anxiety for some months past, but my time has been specially devoted to the Oka Indians and their position, by