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Ottawa, March 5, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 20th Jan. I have to say that the proposed extension of the lease for a further period of five years of the wye in the Pierreville Indian Reserve is too small a matter to necessitate any of the councillors or any member of the band visiting the Department for the purpose of discussing this matter. If the Council has any valid objection to the extension of the lease they should state the objection to you in order that you may communicate it to the Department. A long letter was received dated the 15th ultimo and signed by Chief Nicolas Panadis, Peter Emmit and Caesar Portneuf, Councillors in which they did not show that the reserve or the Indian occupants of the land would be injured in any way by the extension of the lease.

A.A.Mondou, Esq., M.P., has informed the Department that he considers \$75.00 per annum a fair rental for a lease terminating at the end of five years. I have to request you to state whether you consider the

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