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The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir;--

No. 227 950



We are in receipt of your favor of the 17th instant advising us that no application has been received by the Department from Messrs Mackenzie & Mann for the Fort William Indian Reserve and thank you for your prompt reply.

We understand it is very probable that in the near future the Indian Band of the Fort William Indian Reserve will be removed from this Reserve or may surrender the Reserve or parts of it to the Government, and on behalf of Mr. C. W. Jarvis of Fort William, Mrs. W. A. Matheson of the same place and Mr. S. C. Smoke, we now beg to apply for the purchase from your Department of the water front on Thunder Bay and 1000 acres, part of the Indian Reserve as shewn on the sketch herewith enclosed. The part which the applicants are desirous of purchasing is enclosed by the red line. If by any chance this property is for sale at the present time, we will be glad to hear from you to that effect and immediate steps will be taken to close the purchase. If on the contrary the Government has no power or does not intend to make sale of the property until after the removal of the Indian Band from the Reserve or their surrender of the

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