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By Minister
Realty

Ottawa, Jan. 28, 1913.

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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and to inform you that as the Board of Railway Commissioners has decided that the wye in the Pierreville Indian Reserve is necessary for the proper working of the railway for the next five years this Department will not raise any objection to a lease therefor.

Please inform Nicholas Panadis, Peter Emmet and Caesar Portneuf that their letter of the 15th instant has been duly received and carefully considered. It is not shown that the reserve or the Indians themselves will be injured in any way by the use of the railway company of the wye for the next five years.

They complain to the effect that a house on the station ground has not been torn down but has been renovated by the railway company and used by their employees, also that certain portions of the station ground are cultivated.

The Department fails to see any objection whatever, to these proceedings. It is much better to cultivate the ground than to allow it to lie idle until such time as the railway will require it and the use of a house standing on the right ^{of way} of way.

Jos. Cote, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Pierreville, Que.