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MEMORANDUM.

Ottawa, 4th May, 1899.

To the Secretary

Agent McDonald has made application in letter of 29th Ult. to the effect that a piece of land containing 80 Acres, be bought for the Pictou CO.N.S. Indians. The price asked for this land is \$1200.00.

In support of his application the Agent stated that it would be desirable to collect the Indians from the other Reserves in the County, and place them together on one Reserve, and that there is not sufficient arable land for this purpose on the Fisher's Grant Reserves.

There are no funds available, I am informed by the Accountant, for this purpose.

There are no other Reserves in the County of Pictou, of which the Department has any knowledge, than the block known as the Fisher's Grant Reserves, and the two small Islands in Merigonish Harbour. It is possible there may be other Indian lands in the County, of the existence of which the Department has not been informed.

I beg to recommend that the Agent be informed in accordance with this Memorandum.

I may add that the Agent does not shew that proper use is being made of all the land now possessed by the Indians of Pictou Co.

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