

It is, therefore, suggested that we approach The Honourable Mr. Tanner with a request:

- (a) To reserve from disposition or settlement the general area comprising the Indian settlement and their present homes until a more intimate examination of the local situation can be made and the Indian requirements more definitely ascertained.
- (b) To this end we might request Mr. Tanner to authorize an officer of his Lands Branch to accompany our Mr. W.B. Skead to the area early next Spring to consult with the Indian leaders of the group and examine the land situation in an effort to define a block of land sufficient to meet the Indian needs but not to exceed 5,000 acres.
- (c) On receipt of such report to agree to sell us the land so selected at a price but on the understanding that we would expect no conveyance of mineral rights which the Province would desire to reserve.

Such a block of land should be selected to meet the Indian needs as hereinbefore indicated and with the idea that it would eventually be administered from Nordegg and should, therefore, have easy access to the David Thompson Highway which will form the means of access to and from the lands from the Nordegg headquarters.

Possibly a copy of this memorandum might be forwarded to Inspector Gooderham who, after consultation with Mr. Lawrie, might approach the Provincial Government in order to ascertain whether or not they could be persuaded to sell us the land we require and to fix the terms.

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