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Relative to the Indians at the Mouth of Menigomish Harbor

Picton April 28th 1892

The Hon Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir — A deputation of Indians called upon me yesterday for the purpose of transmitting to the Dept of Indians Affairs the following: Some time in March or early in April 1889 I wrote the Dept in reference to the purchase of a piece of land situate at Pine Tree at the head of Menigomish Harbor, Pictou Co, to which I received a reply dated 12th April 1889 No 6079. The Indians renew their request this year to have this lot of land purchased for them — it contains from thirty five to forty acres and it can be bought for ($500.00) five hundred dollars. If I remember well ~~he asked~~ John W. Roy asked for the same lot of land in 1889 about seven hundred dollars ($700) — The reason why it becomes urgent at present to buy it is the fact that John W. Roy ~~the~~ wants the Indians to remove from his land or the Department to buy it from him. The place is very favorably situated for the Indians — it is well sheltered for their houses in winter — it is near a market for their work — it is adjoining the head of Menigomish harbor where at all times of the winter they can get eels and smelts both for home use and market. They gave me the names of twenty four families who pass the winter there.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servant A. Patrick McDonald

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