

The Minister ~~of Justice~~ observes that there is no doubt that an addition to the present Reserve at Fisher's Grant, which contains only eighty acres is very desirable, there being about thirty-eight families in the Band and the extent of the reserved land owned by them amounts to 80 acres above mentioned and another small Reserve of 50 acres situated on the Straits of Northumberland, or one hundred and thirty acres altogether for the thirty-eight families. The want of wood moreover on the Reserve at Fisher's Grant renders it desirable to acquire this piece of land in order that the Indians may be able to obtain fuel, fencing and building timber without trespassing on their white neighbors.

The Minister further observes that the obstacle in the way of recommending this purchase at the time the application was made and recommended by the Agent consisted in the fact that the Department had then no funds at its disposal wherewith to complete the purchase. There is now at the credit of the Nova Scotia Indians' trust fund between \$ 400.00, and \$ 500.00, and the interest which accrues upon this amount would be so insignificant as to be useless for general distribution among the Indians of the Province.

The Minister concludes that it would be putting a portion of this money to good use by purchasing the land to be reserved for the Indians of the Province of Nova Scotia.

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