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Ottawa, September 15, 1920

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant relating to the west boundary of the Garden River Indian Reserve, I have to inform you that this is a long standing matter of discussion with the Indians of that reserve and it has been explained to them a number of times.

The Robinson Treaty to which you refer in your letter, contains the following clause:- The parties of the second part also agree, that in case the Government of this Province should before the date of this agreement have sold or bargained to sell, any mining locations, or other property on the portions of the territory hereby reserved for their use; then and in that case such sale, or promise of sale, shall be perfected by the Government if the parties claiming it shall have fulfilled all the conditions upon which such locations were made, and the amount accruing therefrom shall be paid to the tribe to whom the Reservation belongs.

The Clark Mining location was a claim in good standing at the time of the treaty and comes under the above clause. No part of it, therefore, could, under the terms of the treaty, be included within the Indian reserve. A portion of it overlapped the limits of the Reserve as described by treaty and the Province in 1865 transferred to the credit of the Indians that portion due them under terms of the treaty on account of the sale of this location.

The boundary as it stands corresponds to the terms of the treaty allowing for the exclusion of part of the Clark Mining Claim, although it does not extend quite to Partridge Point.

This matter, therefore, is considered to be definitely closed and I would ask you to be good enough to endeavour to explain clearly to the Chief the meaning of the clause of the treaty above quoted.

Your obedient servant

for Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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