387,188.

Ottawa, May 20, 1914.

Sir,

With reference to your favour of the 15th instant, regarding a proposed water course on the Abenakis Indian Reserve at Becancourt, I beg to say the Department has not been served with a copy of the process verbal for the proposed water courses across this reserve.

It appears you should consult the proper officer and draw their attention to the fact that the reserve is assessed for an area of 201 arpents while the proper assessment should be only 112 and 1/17 arpents. A copy of the process verbal, when corrected, should then be sent to the Department.

Your attention is directed to Section 45 of the Indian act and to the fact that if the Indians are able to undertake their share of the work they should do it without further reference to the Department as the band funds should not be used for this work unless you can show that the members are unable to execute it or that it would be a hardship for them to undertake it.

Your obegient servant,

Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

Denis Hebert, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Pecanocurt, Que-

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