



DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

Ottawa, January 25th. 1930.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Goldwell.

On my recent visit to the Indians of the Upper St. Maurice I made some inquiries as to the effect the proposed flooding of the Coccoocache Indian Reserve would have on those hunting in that vicinity.

I found that three families still hunt in that locality and have two houses. One of these is a year round home and the owner has a considerable clearing on which he grows potatoes for himself and for sale to lumber camps, etc.

The houses they now occupy are not on the reserve itself, but near a small lake below the reserve, marked on the map, herewith, in red pencil.

I advised the Indians to make no claim for cash compensation and told them that the Department would try to see that they were re-established on a suitable new location where they would be undisturbed. There is no necessity for another reserve in this vicinity, and I think about one dollar per acre should be paid into their band funds for the flooded reserve. There is no merchantable timber left thereon.

I have advised the interested parties to select a new location in the meantime and that when it became necessary to move them the Department would endeavour to have some official take the matter up, on the ground.


Inspector.

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