

January 4th,

Sir,

In 1882 this Department was in correspondence with the Department of Crown Lands, Quebec, respecting the proposed surveys of certain Indian Reserves on the St. Maurice River. At the request of this Department Mr. John Bignell, P.L.S. of the Province of Quebec, had been engaged by the Department of Crown Lands of that Province to conduct these surveys, and in compliance with a request from the Crown Lands Department to that effect, *and upon its recommendation* <sup>he</sup> Mr. Bignell received an advance of \$600, to be expended in prosecuting the survey, on the 18th of September 1883.

On the 23rd of September 1884, not having heard the result of the survey which it was supposed Mr. Bignell was making, the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands was written to, and requested to inform the Department of Indian Affairs what action had been taken by Mr. Bignell in respect to the survey on account of which he had received an advance of \$600, asking if it had been completed, and requesting, if so, that the plans, descriptions, and field notes relating to it might be sent to this Department. In answer to that letter this Department was informed on the 26th September 1884 that no action had been taken by Mr. Bignell.

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Ottawa.