

*Mr. Scott*  
*Lockhouse was made from*  
*the suggested*  
*Memorandum.*  
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*Supplementary*  
*to*  
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Ottawa, July 20th, 1909.

To the Assistant Deputy Minister:-

*for*  
With reference to the letter addressed to the Department by Mr. E.M. Macdonald, M.P. of Pictou, N.S., inclosing letter from Mr. Sproule, of Pictou Landing, in regard to land purchased by the Department from Mr. Foster for the Indians, Mr. Sproule complains that the Indians are taking away wood from his lot adjoining without his consent and he offers to make an exchange of land in order to abate the nuisance and loss which now obtains.

Mr. Macdonald was advised Mr. Boyd would investigate and he would be apprised of the result.

Mr. Boyd was instructed to visit the Reserve and the Foster Lot and report, and his report has been received in which he says that the Department could not have been well advised as to the value of the Foster Lot as to its value and a mistake was made in purchasing it. The term "wood lot" as applied to it is a distinct misnomer, as there is very little wood on it, other than alder bushes and young growth of white birch. The Superintendent says he saw no material suitable for fencing, or tub-making, axe handles, baskets and such articles as are usually manufactured by Micmac Indians, and why it was purchased instead of Sproule's property seems strange indeed.

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