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Indian Boarding School,  
Kenora, Ont.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1908.

Frank Bedley, Esq.,  
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

Sir,

I beg to ask the consent of the Indian Department to buy 250 acres of land from the "Rat Portage Band" No. 38 B.

The piece of land we wish to have is not good for farm, and is neither used in any ways by the Indians of the reserve; but it is covered with small timber only good for cord wood.

We need it to secure wood supply for our boarding school; and in the neighborhood we cannot buy any land offering us the same advantages.

The Indians of the reserve - who, according to the last Blue Book, are only 74 persons for 13280 acres of land, - would be ready to sell that part if they were authorized to do it.

I join to this letter a kind of map showing the part of land in question.

Hoping to receive a favorable answer,  
I remain, Sir,

Yours truly,

P. Bouquet, OMU  
Principal

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*School*

Ottawa, May 12, 1908.

Rev. Sir,-

In reply to your communication of the 30th ultimo, dealing with the question of securing 250 acres of land on Indian Reserve No. 38B. I beg to inform you that, in view of the dispute as to title to reserves in what was formerly known as the "disputed territory" between the Dominion and the Province, this Department is not in a position to entertain your application for land on this reserve or to give any authority for the cutting of wood thereon.

*For L*  
*WAD*

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Secretary.

Rev. Father Poitras,  
St. Mary's Church,  
Winnipeg, Man.



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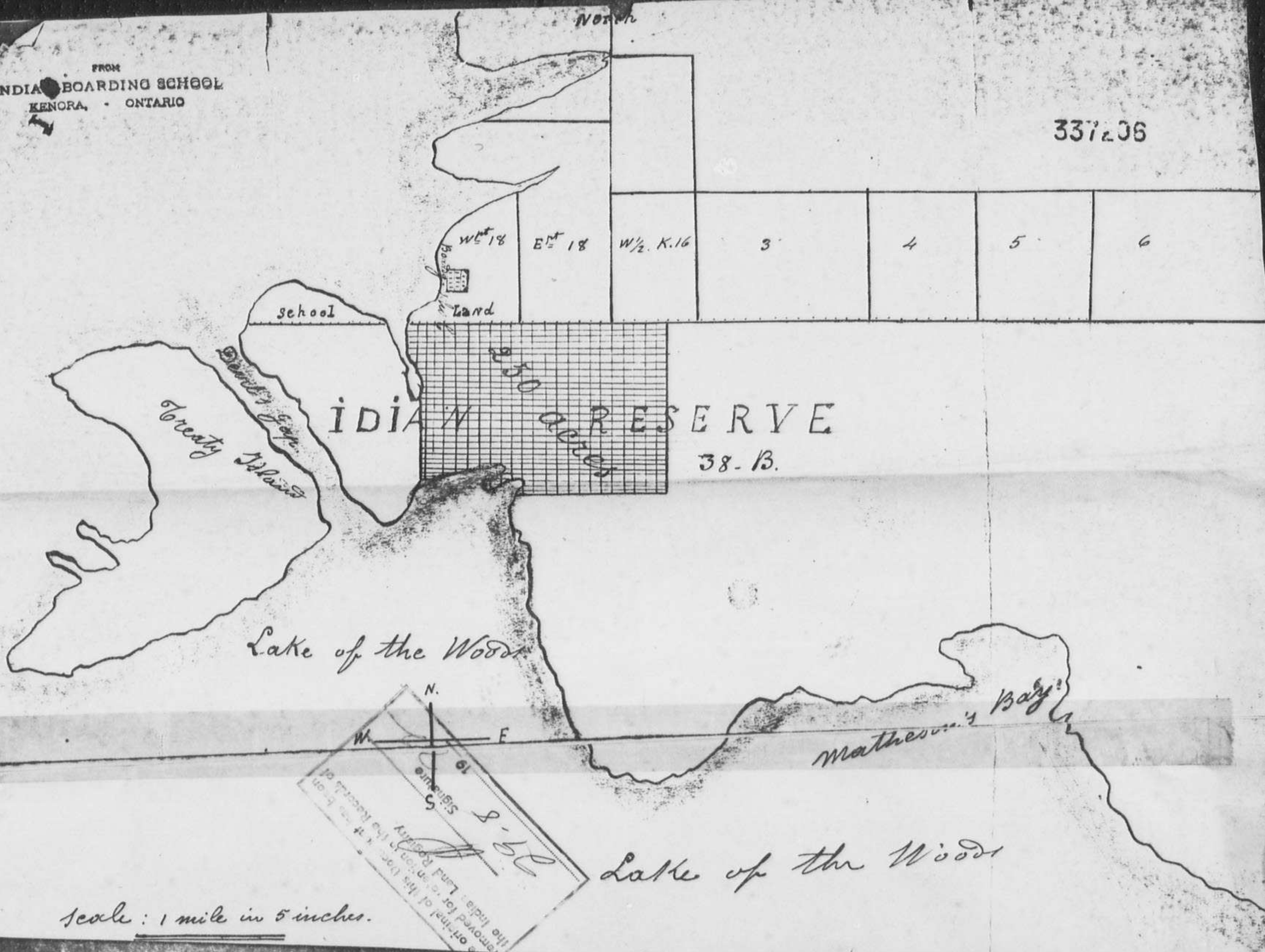
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FROM  
INDIA BOARDING SCHOOL  
KENORA, - ONTARIO

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(Copy)

Indian Boarding School,  
Kenora, Ont.,  
Feb. 3, 1909.

The Honorable D. Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg.

Sir,

I will be very pleased that you obtain for us from the Indian Department, Ottawa, the authorization to buy 250 acres of land from the "Rat Portage Band" No. 38 B.

The piece of land we wish to have is not good for farm and is neither used in some ways by the Indians of the reserve; but it is covered with small timber only good for cord wood.

We need it to secure wood supply for our boarding school; and in the neighborhood we cannot buy any land offering us the same advantages.

The Indians of the reserve who, according to the last Blue Book, are only 74 persons for 13,280 acres of land, would be ready to sell that part if they were authorized to do it.

I join to this letter a kind of map showing the part of land in question.

Hoping that you can obtain that favor from the Indian Department and thanking you in advance for your kindness.

I remain, Honorable Sir,

Yours truly,

(sd.) P. Bousquet,

Principal.

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Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for the Northwest Provinces and Territories.

Winnipeg, 9th February, 1909.

In your reply refer to  
No. 122/53  
and date of this letter and  
address  
Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

337206

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter dated the 4th instant from Mr. Agent McKenzie transmitting a letter from the Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, in which he applies for the purchase of 250 acres of land in the Rat Portage Reserve No. 38B, for use of the School. I also enclose a sketch showing the location of the land in question. I have made enquiries of Mr. McKenzie as to the value of this land, and he informs me that Ontario Crown lands adjoining the Reserve are sold at one dollar per acre as the timber was sold and dues collected thereon. Mr. McKenzie states that the land applied for is not worth more than \$1.50 per acre, and the Principal of the School is willing to pay that price as he is very anxious to secure it for the School.

I am in favor of the School acquiring the land referred to, and would recommend that the Indians be asked to surrender the same formally to be sold to the Kenora Boarding School for their benefit at \$1.50 per acre.

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

*D. Laird*  
Indian Commissioner.

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(Copy)

Indian Agent's Office,

No. 108/12

Kenora, Ont., 4 Feb. 1909.

Sir,

The enclosed letter and map was handed me by the Rev. P. Bousquet, Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, to forward to you, which speaks for itself.

In this connection I may say for your information that the piece of land asked for by the school is of little or no use other than for the wood that is on it and a play ground for the pupils, as it is nothing but rocks and small wood. Most assuredly the Indians will never make any use of it, and if it could possibly be given to the school it would be a great benefit to them. I am quite satisfied the Indians would have no objections, if it was sold, providing it can be done, and trust you will take this into your kind consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd.) R. S. McKenzie,

Indian Agent.

Hon. David Laird,

Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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Area 1 Res. 38 B.  
5290 acres P.B.

Ottawa, February 16, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., inclosing a communication from the Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, in which he applies to purchase 350 acres of land in the Rat Portage reserve, No. 38 B, together with a sketch showing the location of the land in question and a report from Mr. Agent McKenzie on the need of this land in connection with the school.

In reply I beg to say that, as the reserve on which the land referred to is situated, has not been confirmed by the Ontario Government, this Department cannot sell land thereon even if it were surrendered. The best course for the Principal to pursue would be to apply to the Ontario Government, and if they would consent to this Department's selling, it would be in a position to deal with the matter.

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Secretary.

The Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, May 4th., 1909.

MEMORANDUM:

Mr. Oliver.

With reference to the attached letter and enclosure from Mr. Conmee, M.P., I beg to say that the Principal of the Boarding School at Kenora has requested that 250 acres of land of Indian Reserve No. 38 B. be sold to him to be used as additional land for the School. Owing to the unsettled state of Treaty No. 3 Reserve matters between the Ontario and Dominion Governments, I do not think it advisable to apply to the Ontario Government for permission to sell; and I think the purpose of the Principal in making this application will be served fully as well by allowing him to use the land for school purposes at the pleasure of the Crown; If this is approved our Agent can be informed that the Department will take this action.

*Handwritten signature*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

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House of Commons

OTTAWA. April 27, 1909.

Hon. Frank Oliver,

Minister of the Interior,

O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing you herewith a communication from the Principal of the Indian Boarding School at Kenora. It appears the Principal is desirous of securing 250 acres of the Indian Reserve 38 B.

On advice from your department, application was made to the Provincial authority for their consent in the matter. In reply they have been advised that if application is received from your department the matter will be taken up by the Minister of Lands and Mines for Ontario, with a view of facilitating the transaction. The letter will explain itself.

I would be pleased to learn from you what answer I can give in respect to this matter.

Yours truly,

James Connely

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INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL  
KENORA, - ONTARIO

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1909.

The Secretary  
of Indian Affairs - Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February  
1909 - I have addressed a letter by  
Mr. M<sup>rs</sup> Kenzie, Indian agent in  
Kenora, to Mr. D. Laird, then  
Indian Commissioner in Winnipeg  
asking him to obtain for us the  
authorization to buy 250 acres of  
land on the Indian Reserve 38 B.  
- Lake of the Woods.

In his answer to Mr.  
M<sup>rs</sup> Kenzie and to me - dated  
from Winnipeg February 20<sup>th</sup> -  
N<sup>o</sup> 122/53, - Mr. Laird says:  
"as the reserve on which the land  
referred to is situated has not been  
confirmed by the Ontario Government  
the Department of Ottawa cannot  
sell land there.... The Department  
suggest as the best course for  
the Principal to pursue would  
be to apply to the Ontario  
Government, and if they would  
consent to the Department

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"selling, it would be in position  
"to deal with the matter...

Having made application  
to the commissioner of crown  
lands in Toronto to transfer  
to the Indian Department all  
its rights on that same reserve,  
- I have received the following  
answer: - Toronto - April 13<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 8975/09

"I have been expecting a  
"communication from the Department  
"of Indian Affairs would be  
"received with reference to the  
"matter. - You had better write  
"to the Department of Indian  
"Affairs and ask that Department  
"to address a letter to this Department  
"on the subject and then the  
"matter will be laid before the  
"Minister of Lands, Forest and Mines  
"with a view to an order in  
"Council being passed as no action  
"has been taken by this Depart.  
"regarding this Indian Reserve.

I will be very pleased  
if <sup>you</sup> are kind enough to correspond  
with the Provincial Government  
of Toronto about that matter  
and let me hear soon about  
its answer.

I remain, Sir,

yours truly

T. Bonnyvet  
Principal

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Ottawa, May 11, 1909.

Sir,-

With reference to your communication of the 4th of February last, addressed to the Hon. Mr. Laird, submitting a communication from the Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, making application on behalf of the Institution to purchase 250 acres of land on Indian Reserve No. 38B, at Rat Portage, I beg to say that the Department is not disposed to give favourable consideration to the sale of this land to the School, but it has been decided that the institution may be allowed to use the land for school purposes during pleasure of the Department, and you will be good enough to so advise the Principal of the School.

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK PEDDEY

Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

R. S. McKenzie Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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*[Signature]*



Ottawa, May 11, 1909.

Dear Mr. Conmee,--

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th ultimo, inclosing a communication from the Principal of the Indian Boarding School at Kenora, as to securing 250 acres of the Indian Reserve 38B at Rat Portage.

In reply I would say that the Department is not disposed to consider favourably the question of sale of this property, but it has been decided and the local Indian agent has been advised that the institution may use the land in question for the purposes of the School during pleasure of the Department.

I return communication of the 23rd ultimo, addressed you by the Rev. Father Bourquet.

Yours very truly,

FRANK PEDLEY

Deputy Superintendent General  
of Indian Affairs.

WHD  
James Conmee, Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa.

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INDIAN AGENTS OFFICE. KENORA. ONT:-

No.108/12;-

343209

May. 14, 1909:-



Sir;-

*JMB*  
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11, Instant, No.129 992, and have noted the contents,

In reply to say that before communicating with the Rev. Principal, I think it is my duty to inform you that the chief reason the school authorities wish to get this piece of land is on account of the amount of fuel wood that can be got from it, as otherwise the land is of but little value, and except they would be allowed to cut the wood I do not think it would be of much service to them,

And more I do not think the Indians would consent to let them do so without a cash payment, being made for the wood, I will wait untill I receive a reply before giving the Principal any information on this subject,

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

*R.S. McKenzie*

Indian Agent,

The Secretary:-

Dept of Indian Affairs:-

Ottawa. Ont,

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Kenora Ontario,  
December 2nd 1910,

The Supt General  
Of Indian Affairs  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir

To a letter, dated Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>,  
— presented to the Indian Department by  
Revd. Father Poitras from Winnipeg, — it was  
answered orally that I could not buy any  
land on the Indian Reserve—No. 38 B—  
Lake of the Woods.— because it is a disputed  
territory between The Dominion and The  
Province; but I could have a permit, if I wish,  
to cut cord wood therein.

We would prefer to buy the  
land if it was possible, and it would  
be certainly more satisfactory to both  
parties, the Indians and the Principal  
of the School. So we would avoid all  
contest, and we would be always sure  
to have a supply of wood for our  
School.

But since it is impossible  
to obtain some land, I would be very  
pleased to have at least a permit of  
cutting wood on the Reserve for 10 years  
in a area of half square Mile.

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I join to this letter a map showing in red  
the place where we wish to cut wood.  
Most of the wood is soft wood:—  
black and white poplar, Jack Pine,  
White Pine. There is no timber good for  
making Lumber in that portion of the  
Reserve.

Hoping that you will favor my  
petition by a favorable answer.

I remain, Sir,

Yours truly,

P. Bousquet. C.M.I.

Principal.

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KENORA, - ONTARIO

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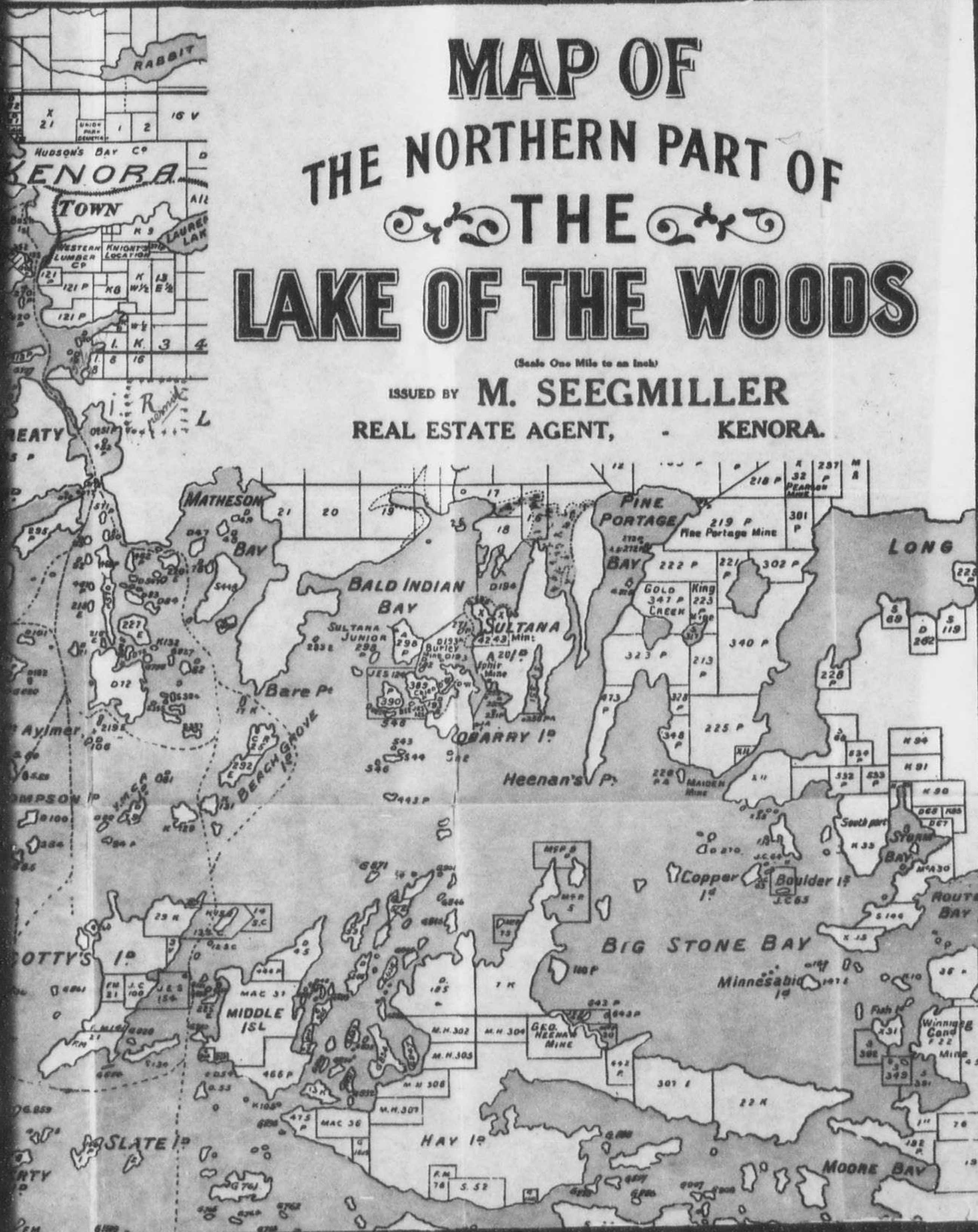
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ISSUED BY **M. SEEGMILLER**  
REAL ESTATE AGENT, - KENORA.



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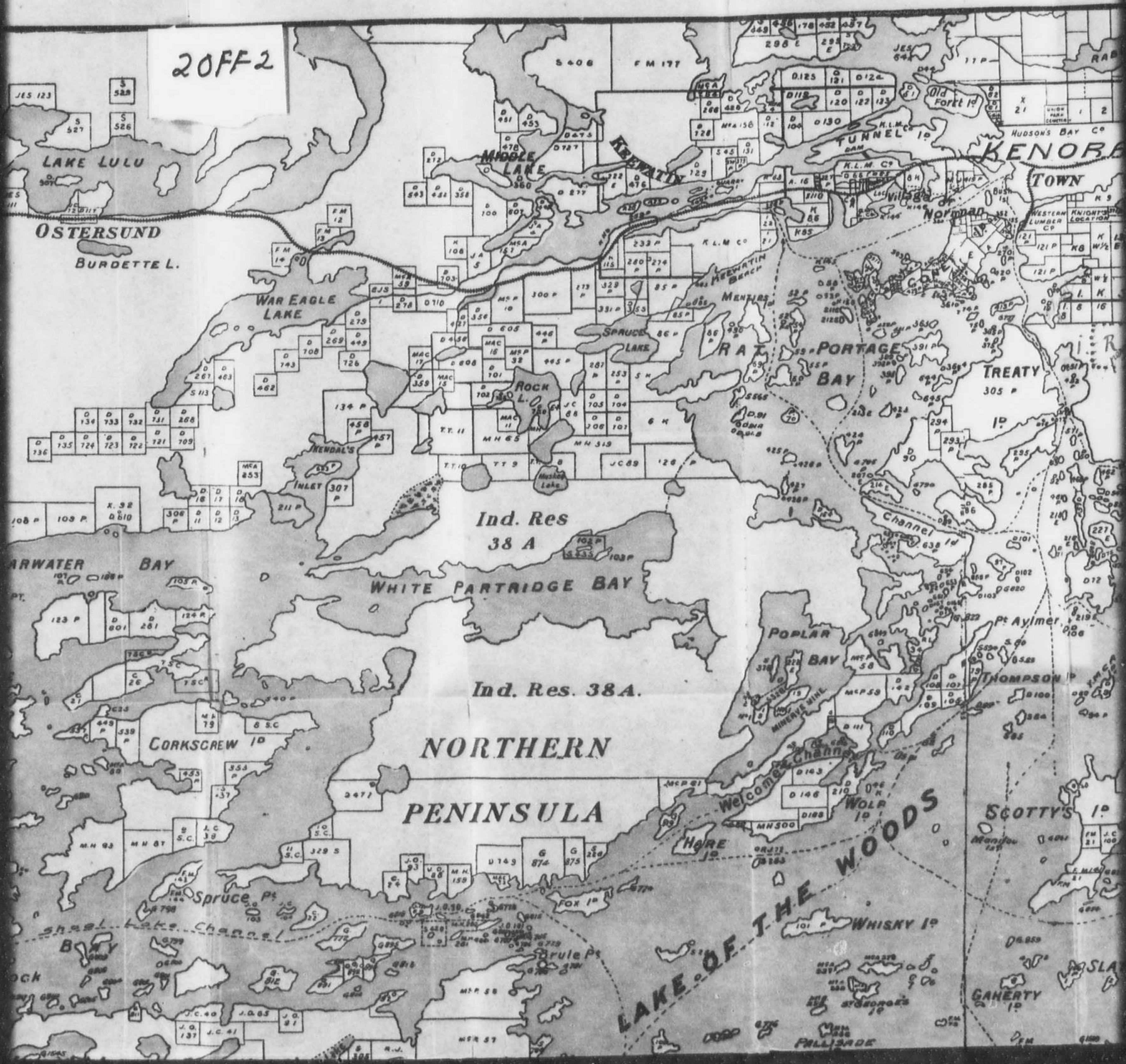
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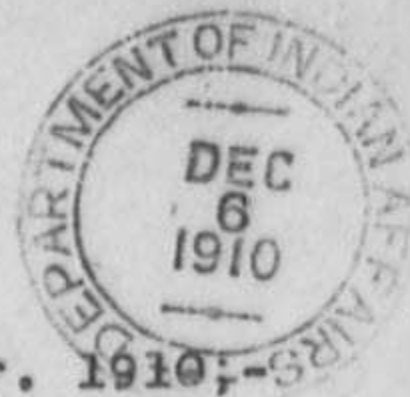


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INDIAN AGENTS OFFICE. KENORA. ONT:-

No.108/12:-

3rd. December. 1910:-



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Sir:-

The enclosed Letter and Map. has been handed to me by, The Rev. Father. Bousquet/ Principal of the Kenora Boarding School. with a request that I forward the same to you for your consideration,

In this matter, I beg leave to say that what the Rev? Principal states is true, I am well aware that they are rather handicapped for want of wood for the school/ and where the Principal asks to be allowed to cut wood, will never be of any value to the Indians, other than for what wood is on it,

I will be pleased to have your decision on this matter, so I can give a reply to the Rev? Father,

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

Indian Agent,

The Secretary:-

Dept of Indian Affairs:-

Ottawa.-

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Ottawa, December 7, 1910.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, inclosing a communication and map handed you by Rev. Mr. Bousquet, of Kenora Boarding School, applying for a permit to cut wood for 10 years on a half mile of Reserve 38B, and in reply to inform you that the Department regrets that it is not in a position to grant the request at present.

If the question, which has been long outstanding as to ownership, were decided in favour of this Department, the matter could be easily disposed of, but in the meantime it is not probable that any satisfactory arrangement can be made for the sale of land or green timber thereon.

Your obedient Servant,

J. D. McLEAN

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. S. McKenzie, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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38 B.



St. Anthony's Boarding School  
Kenora, Ont., Nov. 28/14

To the Honorable Superintendent,  
Department of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.  
472427

Honorable Sir,

I take the liberty to submit to your consideration the need our school has of a piece of land where the boys could be taught farming; it is I believe the intention of the Department that the Indian pupils of our schools should be taught to become self supporting when their school stage is over, and I believe there is no better means to support themselves than by intelligent mixed farming.

Now the land at the disposal of this school is forty five (45) acres of rock in which we have been able to get a garden of about one acre by using every inch that can be used, and this acre is distributed in 6 patches so we cannot teach

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farming to advantage so I beg to propose that the Department would acquire for us a piece of the Reserve Land that is next to the school land and in which we could get enough arable land (about 30 acres) to teach the boys mixed farming and this would also enable us to teach the girls dairying. The amount of land that would be required for this purpose would be 1 square mile as there are lots of rocks in there also. I must state that the land is now a bushy land but could be cleaned out, and it will be the more useful to the pupils, as they also will have to clear land if they are going to farm on the Reserve later on.

Trusting this will meet  
Your approval, I remain,

Your obedient servant

C. Bruillet,

Principal

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129992

December 2nd, 1914.

Dear Sir -

The Principal of the Kenora Boarding School has applied to the Department for a portion of Reserve 38 B adjoining the school which they wish to use for agricultural purposes.

The Department is not prepared to consider the sale of any portion of this Reserve to the school authorities, but would have no objection to giving them the right of occupancy for the purpose above mentioned ~~for~~ the area asked for, about one square mile. It is presumed that the Indians would offer no objection as it would be very much in the interest of the children at this school that they should be given practical instruction in farming. I would, therefore, ask you to obtain from the Indians a resolution giving right of occupancy to the school authorities during the pleasure of the Department.

R. S. McKennie, Esq.,  
Indian Agent,  
Kenora, Ont.

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I note in the Annual Report that the Reserves of the Rat Portage Bands are designated as 32 A and 32 B on Matheson and Clearwater Bays; this should be 38 A and 38 B. Kindly note this for future guidance.

Yours very truly,

*Duncan Chisholm*

Deputy Superintendent General.

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INDIAN AGENTS OFFICE. KENORA ONT:-

No. 108-12

December. 22nd. 1914:-

*Return to G. J. M.*  
Dear Sir:-

473773  
In reply to your letter of the 2nd. Instant. reference to the request of the Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, to be given a portion of Reserve. No. 38.B. for agricultural purposes,

I beg leave to say that I had quite a job to get the band together, and get their views on the matter, there reply is, that there is no land for agricultural purposes until it is cleared off and that they think it is for the wood, more that for farming that the school wants it. They further state that the school has already had fully 2000, cords of wood almost free from their reserve, and they refuse to give their consent to let the school have the mile square asked for, and in any case they would not give up the shore in the Devils Gap. as that is the only place they have to camp when they come into the town during the summer, I could not get the Indians to say what they would take to let the school have the land required, out side of the gap. but I think they would be willing to let it go if they got any thing reasonable, for it.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant.

*R. S. McKeen*

Duncan C. Scott. Esq:-

Indian Agent.

Deputy Superintendent General.-

Of Indian Affairs.

Ottawa.-

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January 26th. 1915.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our previous correspondence in connection with the request of the Principal of the Kenora boarding school to obtain a portion of reserve No. 38B for agricultural purposes, I note the objection of the Indians on the ground that they consider it is more for the sake of the wood than for the land that the request has been made. In this connection I would ask you to consult with the Principal of the school and ascertain whether he would be willing to pay the usual dues for wood cut from land which they might want to clear for farming purposes. There should be no difficulty in selecting land to the location of which there would be no reasonable objection on the part of the Indians, and the advantages that would accrue to their children should be emphasized.

R. S. McKenzie, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Kenora, Ont.

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