

**Department of Mines and**

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Memo to:

Dr. McG

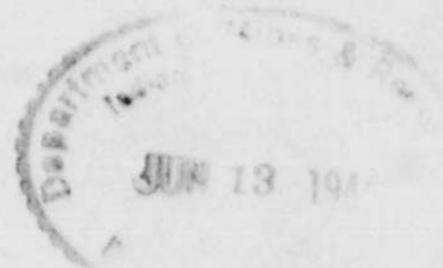
Will you please refer to the memorandum of the 5th instant in reference to the water supply for the new buildings on the Shubenacadie Reserve. I have handed a copy of your memorandum to Mr. Wardle and he proposes to discuss with the officers in the Geological Survey the suggestion put forward by the Agent.

*[Signature]*  
Chief Executive Assistant.

Ottawa, June 12, 1944

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*Records  
where is the  
memo referred to (June 5)  
Mr. Waller*



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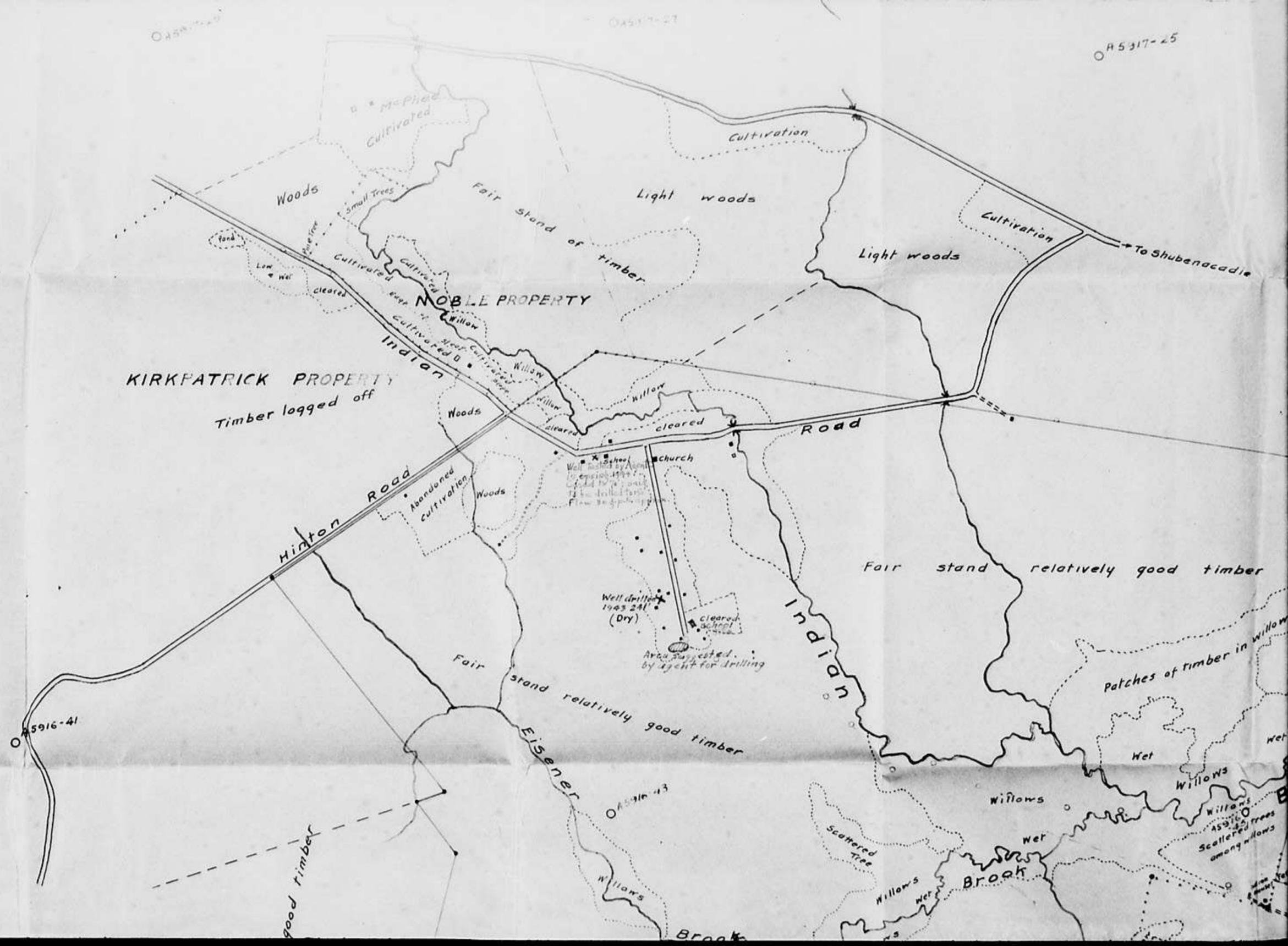
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Hôtel du Gouvernement,  
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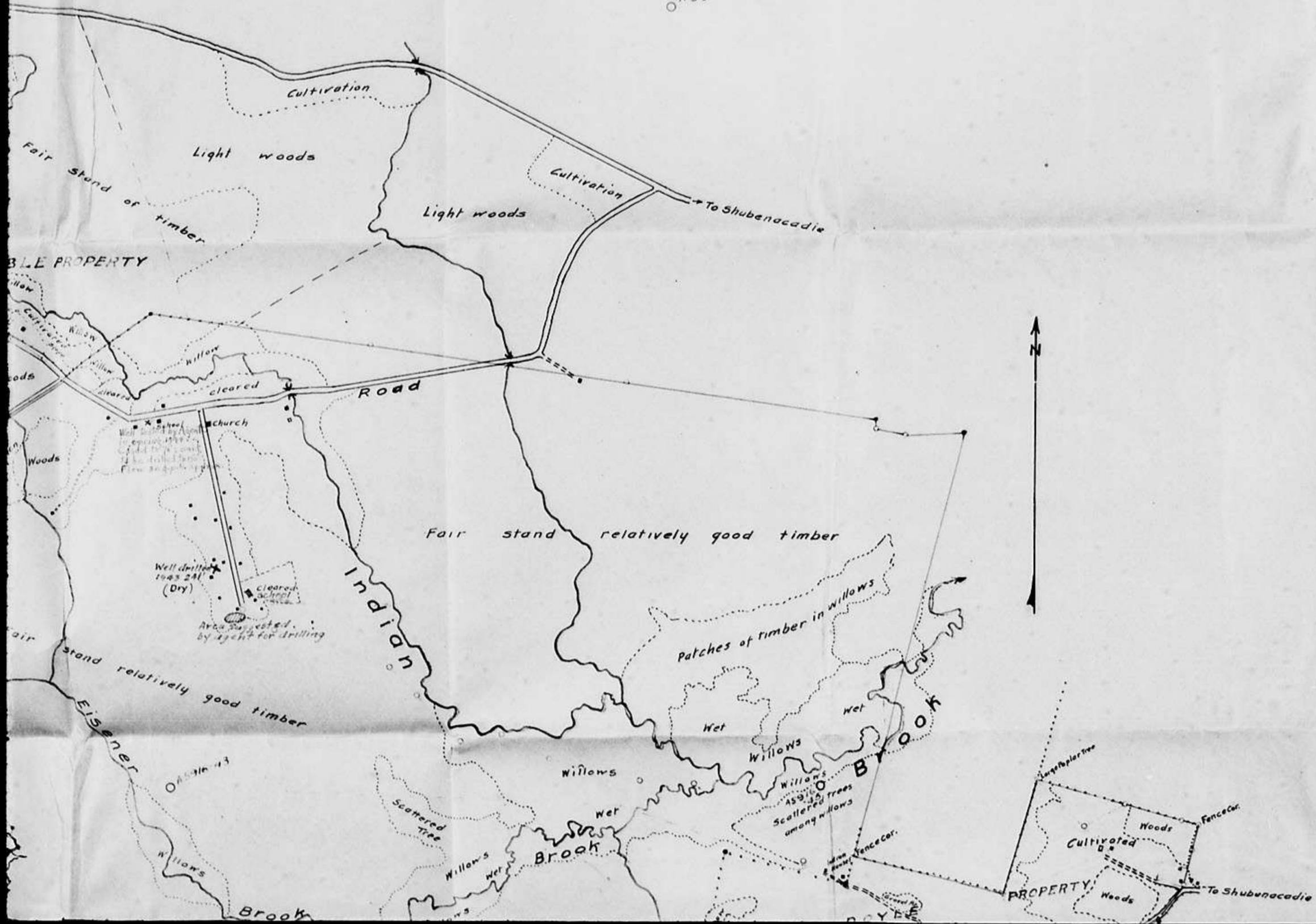
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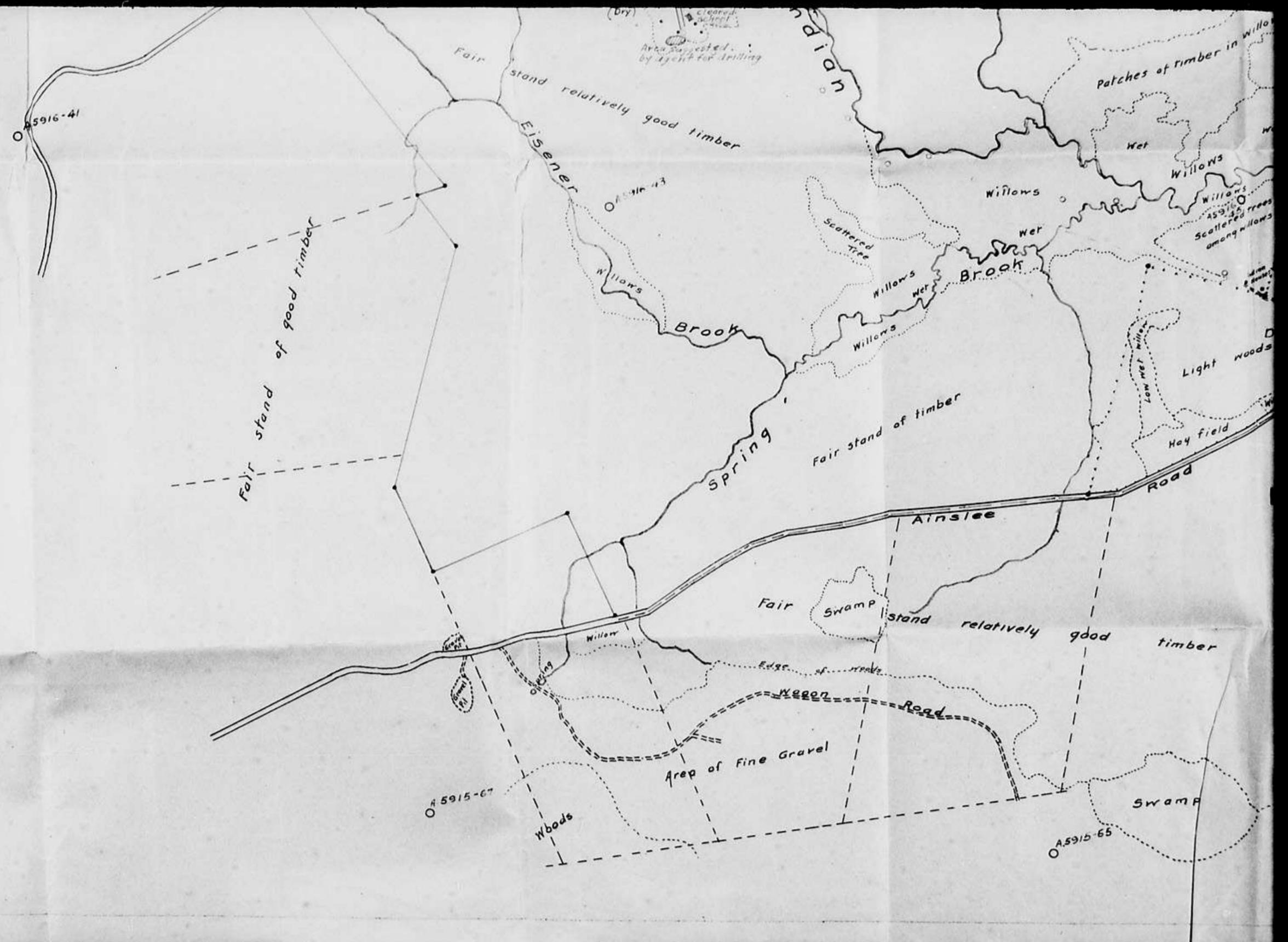
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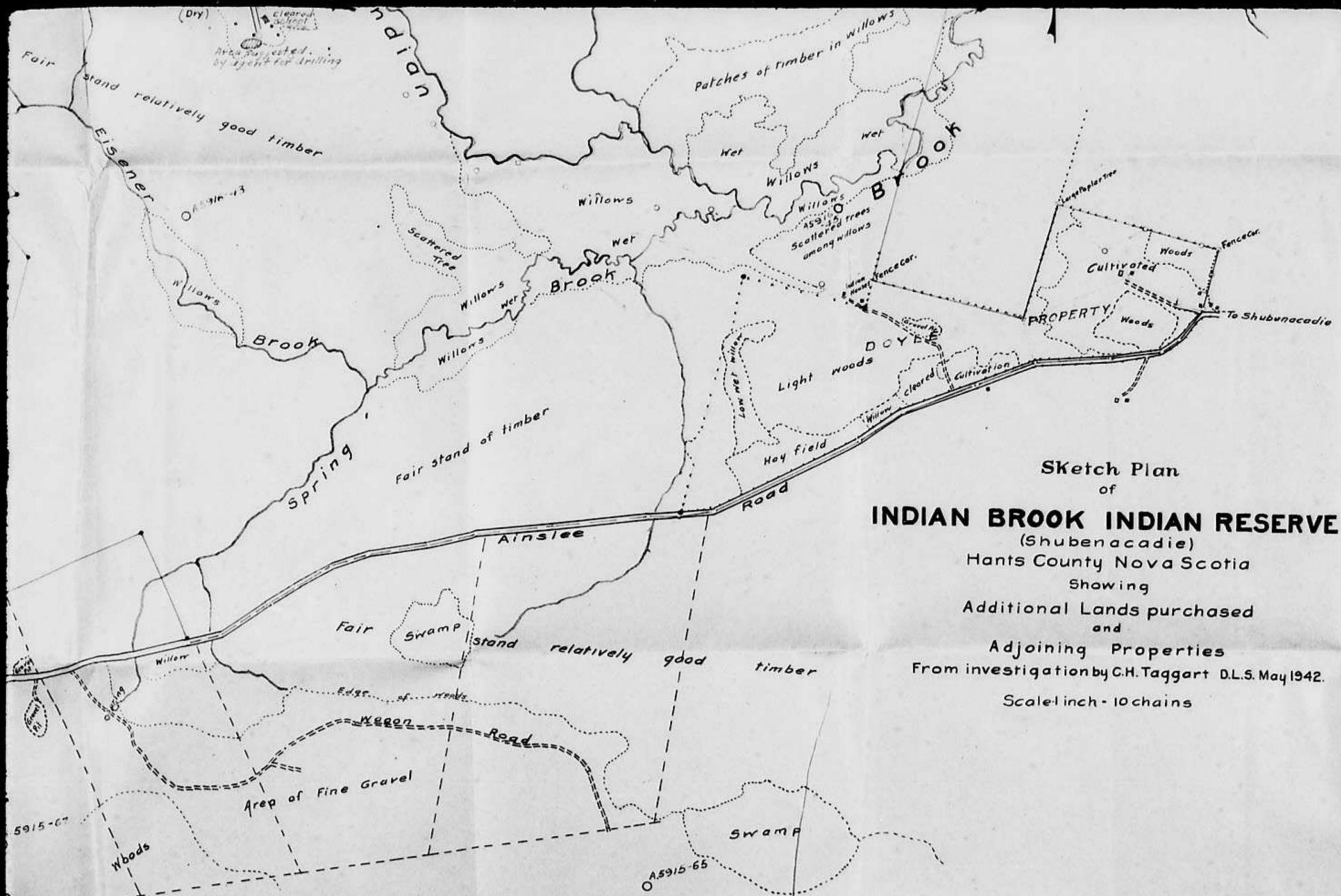
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Sketch Plan  
of  
**INDIAN BROOK INDIAN RESERVE**  
(Shubenacadie)  
Hants County Nova Scotia  
Showing  
Additional Lands purchased  
and  
Adjoining Properties  
From investigation by C.H. Taggart D.L.S. May 1942.  
Scale 1 inch = 10 chains

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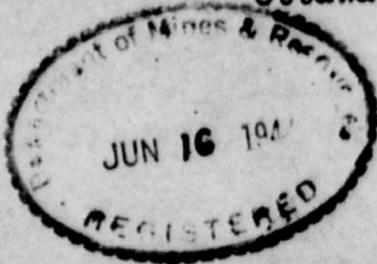
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SURVEYS AND  
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Ottawa, June 15th, 1944.



Dr. McGill

Re: New Indian Day School, Shubenacadie, N.S.

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The site suggested is at practically the same elevation as is the one at which Driller Oran Johnson drilled a 241 ft. well last summer without securing any water and is only a few hundred feet distant from it. Moreover, as you will recall, we had the advice of the Water Supply and Boring Section of the Mines and Geology Branch before deciding not to drill further in this dry well. In view of the foregoing, therefore, we are not optimistic about the possibility of securing an adequate water supply from a well drilled in this general area.

Nevertheless, in view of the large expenditure that would be required to secure a water supply from Spring Brook, it is thought it might be worth while making a further investment in exploratory work by drilling another well at the approximate point suggested. Having in mind the amount of water that will eventually be required for various buildings, it is thought that the well should not be smaller than six inches and

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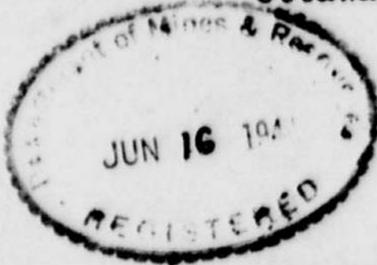
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we should be prepared to drill to a depth of at least 300 ft. Such a well on the basis of unit prices furnished last summer by O. V. Kennedy and Trask Well Company, whom we believe are generally considered to be reliable well drillers, is estimated to cost between \$1500 and \$1800 for drilling and casing only. This amount would not include the cost of the pumping equipment that would be required, if water was found in adequate quantities.

I am forwarding herewith, for your information, copy of a map on which is indicated the site of the new well as proposed by the Indian Agent, the site of the dry well drilled last summer, and the site of an existing drilled well tested this spring by the Indian Agent and which was found to be capable of furnishing less than thirty gallons of water per hour.

If it is your wish that the drilling of a 6-inch well should be proceeded with at this time and if you will so advise me and will transfer \$1800 to our Engineering and Construction Service for the purpose, we will be glad to make arrangements for having the well drilled. The location of the well would be at the point suggested by the Indian Agent and the driller.

*J. M. Wardle;*

Director.

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REPORT ON SHUBENACADIE INDIAN AGENCY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944.

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In May we took the census. This was a tedious job over such a widespread Agency. It was slowed down considerably by the fact that so many Indians are either in the armed forces or working away from the reserves. For the last two weeks of this month I was requested to be available for showing the proposed building site, of the new school to be erected this summer, to prospective tenderers. On the last day of the time limit a representative of the Municipal Spraying Co. arrived and, after being taken to the spot, he appeared to be well pleased with the prospects. When leaving he stated that he was phoning the data to the local Head Office who would, no doubt, wire or air-mail their bid in.

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H.C. Nice,  
Indian Agent.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
Veuillez expédier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

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J M WARDLE  
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE AND ENG BRANCH INDIAN RESERVE  
OTTAWA ONT

RE SCHOOL SHUBENACADIE THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TELEGRAM

WAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

D A MACDONALD.

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June 19th, 1944.

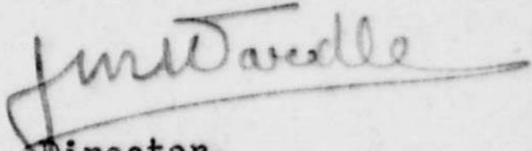
Dr. McGill

Major D.A. MacDonald of Moncton, N.B. submitted the lowest tender for the construction of the day school at Shubenacadie, namely \$17,000, and the acceptance of his tender was authorized by P.C.4484, June 13, 1944. Two other tenders were received in amounts of \$31,180 and \$33,910, respectively.

It is the view of our officers that Major MacDonald's tender is in a reasonable amount and that if there are no serious delays in regard to obtaining materials and competent labour, he will be able to erect the building without difficulty at his quoted price.

It is expected that with contingencies and unforeseen extra work, the total cost may be \$18,700.

In view of the reasonable tender submitted for the Shubenacadie day school, funds would now be available for some of the building program at Eskasoni. It is noted from your memorandum of May 4th that you would like the day school and teachers' residence at Eskasoni erected this year and the cost of these buildings, exclusive of water supply and sewage disposal systems, is estimated by our officers at \$49,240. I am suggesting to the officers of the Engineering and Construction Service that they discuss with officers of your Branch the program at Eskasoni.

  
Director.

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Ottawa,  
June 22, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

Re: New Indian Day School,  
Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia.

I am in receipt of your memoranda of June 15 and June 19, with regard to the above building.

It is noted that you estimate the cost of the new building, plus unforeseen extra work, at \$18,700. I also note that you estimate the cost of drilling another well at \$1800. This makes a total possible expenditure of \$20,500. In May we transferred the amount of \$12,500 to your Branch and arrangements are being made to transfer an additional sum of \$6300. I note from your memorandum of June 15 that as soon as the money reaches you arrangements will be made to have the well drilled. It is hoped that the contractor for the new building will find it possible to commence work immediately.

*Howes*

Director.

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Ottawa,  
June 22, 1944.



Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Please transfer an additional amount of \$6300 to the Surveys & Engineering Branch in connection with the erection of a new school on the Shubenacadie Reserve.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Director.

*[Handwritten initials]*

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Ottawa,  
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June 22/44  
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Director.

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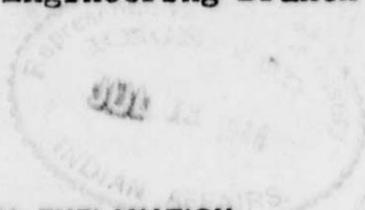
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### TRANSFER BETWEEN ALLOTMENTS

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE TO THE SECRETARY, TREASURY BOARD, FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS WITHIN:

VOTE: 165 Indian Education

NAME OF PRIMARY	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	PROPOSED DECREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE
Construction of Buildings & Works Indian Affairs Branch	71,000.00	6,300.00	
Construction of Buildings & Works Surveys & Engineering Branch			6,300.00



#### DEPARTMENTAL EXPLANATION

An additional amount required by Surveys and Engineering Branch in connection with the erection of a new school on the Shubenacadie Reserve

RECOMMENDED *Harold Wood* APPROVED *E. J. Langdon* APPROVED

BRANCH HEAD DEPUTY HEAD MINISTER

NOTE: APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER IS REQUIRED ONLY WHERE A QUESTION OF POLICY IS INVOLVED.

#### TREASURY COMMENTS

ACCORDING TO THE ACCOUNTING RECORDS, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO THESE TRANSFERS BEING MADE AND THE APPLICATION IS THEREFORE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURY BOARD, AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND AUDIT ACT.

*E. J. Langdon*  
CHIEF TREASURY OFFICER

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
*E. J. LANGDON*  
FOR COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY

T. 266063 B. DATED July 6, 1944

APPROVED BY THE TREASURY BOARD

*E. J. Langdon*  
FOR SECRETARY

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The contract has, I believe, been let for the construction of the new day school, which is a good thing as our enrollment now is 36 with indication that it will shortly be higher. The present school building hygienically accomodate about 20.

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H.C. Rice,  
Indian Agent.

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DR. MCGILL - copy also sent to Mr. Wardle

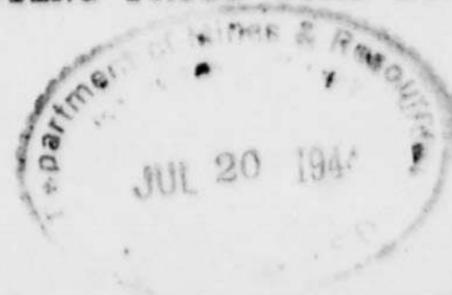
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DEPT OF MINES AND RESOURCES  
OTTAWA ONT 1200

RE INDIAN SCHOOL SHUBENACADIE FOUNDATION WE DO NOT THINK IT DEEP  
ENOUGH SHOULD BE AT LEAST ONE FOOT MORE WOULD SUGGEST TAPERED  
WALL FROM FIFTEEN INCHES TO ONE FOOT NO FOOTING FROST GOES DOWN  
VERY DEEP HERE ADVISE AT ONCE BY WIRE

D A MACDONALD



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SURVEYS AND  
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July 27th, 1944.

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Dr. McGill

Re: Well Drilling at New Indian Day School,  
Shubenacadie, N.S.

With further reference to my memoranda of June 15th and 19th last and of your reply thereto of June 22nd, I may say that O.V.Kennedy has undertaken to drill a proposed six inch well, cased to bed-rock, with six inch casing at \$4.00 per foot for drilling and \$1.75 per foot for casing supplied and installed. The well is to be according to the same specifications as last year and O.V.Kennedy guarantees to drill to 300 feet or more if required and can start work in a few days.

The Trask Well Company was unable to quote at present.

The prices referred to above are the same as quoted by Kennedy for work at Shubenacadie last year.

In view of the foregoing our Engineer at Shubenacadie, Mr. N.A.Sparks, has been instructed to accept the prices quoted by O.V.Kennedy and to have him begin work immediately.

With regard to funds and with reference to your memorandum of June 22nd, the amounts of \$12,500 and \$6,300 already transferred to our Engineering and Construction Service are required to cover the contract and possible contingencies authorized by Order in Council for the school building. A further amount of \$1,800 to cover drilling and casing the well should be transferred at an early date.

*J. M. Wardle*  
Director.

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Ottawa,  
August 1, 1944.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR

Surveys & Engineering Branch

I have your memorandum of July 27, with reference to drilling a new well at the site of the new Shubenacadie Indian Day School.

As requested in the last paragraph of your memorandum, an additional amount of \$1800 will be forwarded.

*JT*  
*17/4*

*Howells*

Director.

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Ottawa,  
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Memorandum:

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TREASURY

Re: Shubenacadie Indian Day School

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Director.

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*[Handwritten initials]*

*8-10-34  
Aug 1/4-1  
a.m.*

*[Handwritten signature]*

Director.

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Dep't. of Mines & Res., Ottawa.

C/O H. C. Rice, Indian Agent. ....

<del>Mar</del> Apr.	28	1 qt. blackboard paint	1	25	
		1 paint brush		60	
		1 padlock and hasp		1 00	2 85

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FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....  
DATE .....

Pay to Watson Smith & Sons,  
Address Shubenacadie, N.S.

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
July 31-44	To: Paint, brush and lock for Day School, Shubenacadie, N.S.	2 85
	N.B. Painting blackboards was essential as it was most difficult for children to see from their seats.	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. .... dated .....

VOUCHER No. **1683**

*F. B. M. Kemmer*  
Agent  
DATE **10-August-44.**

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SHUBENACADIE, N. S. .... September 30th 1944

..... Department of Mines & Resources .....

Ottawa. ....

# A. J. REID & SONS

## GENERAL MERCHANTS

### Reserve Day School

1 Lock .75,	1 lock 50	1	25
2 Hasps .40,	1 bot. Creolin 35		75
12 Soap .72,	1 Sweep.Comp. 35	1	07
2 Pails .80,	5 ft.Screen 50	1	30
1 pr Hinges 25,	1 Hook .05		30
1 Broom 1.25,	1 bot Lysol 40	1	65
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FORM No. I.A. 506A

TREASURY ONLY

CHEQUE No. ....

DATE .....

Pay to **A. J. Reid & Sons,**  
Address **Shubenacadie, N.S.**

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
September 30-44 To:		
	Supplies to Day School...Shubenacadie	
	band....	6 32

DATE FOR FILE  
13-10-44  
Voucher in duplicate attached  
for Accountant to pay.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Voucher is correct, that the material has been supplied, the work performed and that the charges are fair and just, also that the expenditure has been incurred legitimately and that each item of the same is a fair and just charge against the Government of Canada. This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter, File No. .... dated .....

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DATE **7-October-44.** Agent

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R. R. X 1, Heatherton, N.S.  
October 2, 1944.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dep't. of Mines & Resources, Ottawa.

In account with:

Clarence Rogers, Heatherton, R.R. #1, Antigonish Co., N.S.

To:

Sept. 23/44	8 hrs @ .60 per hr. repairing school	\$4.80
Sept. 30/44	8 " " " " "	4.80
	Panel and moulding for door	.50
		<u>\$10.10</u>

Clarence Rogers

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CHEQUE No.....

DATE.....

Pay to **Clarence Rogers,**

Address **R. R. No. 1, Heatherton, N.S.**

DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
<b>Sept. 30-44</b>	<b>To:</b>	
	<b>Repairs to windows and door of Aften</b>	
	<b>Indian Days School....Shubenacadie agoy...</b>	<b>10 10</b>

TRIPPLICATE FOR FILE  
 13-10-44  
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Resume of Activities at Shubenacadie Agency  
During the Months of July and August, 1944.

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When the tenders for the new school had to be in Ottawa by the 31st of May I had some hopes that the new school would be ready for occupation shortly after the beginning of the school term. Major D.A. McDonald, of the construction company of the same name, first arrived here on July 4th. About two weeks later his foreman and one helper arrived on the scene. They were followed on the 24th by a bull-doser and then a cement mixer. They picked up some help, both Indian and white, were held up some by erratic shipments of lumber, basement window frames, etc., and at the present have the basement excavated and the foundation walls completed. They are preparing now to install the necessary plumbing and pour the concrete for the floor. In exchange for the hundred thirty six dollars we owe them for the use of their bull-doser on our road, I have arranged to haul them one hundred yards of gravel from our pit. It will work out that we will have a little profit which we can use to good advantage hauling gravel on our road.

Engineer N.A. Sparks of the Engineering and Construction Service arrived here to supervise this building on July 17th and is still with us. The Chief Engineer, Mr. T.S. Mills, arrived here on the 19th inspecting the school site and talked over the advisability of drilling another well. At the present rate of progress it is problematical whether the school will be in readiness before the new year.

When I was advised that we were authorized to drill another well I contacted O.V. Kennedy, Esq., of Bridgetown N.S. asking him to come up at his earliest opportunity and go over with me the so-called administration centre and select a suitable site. He arrived here on the 4th of August and we agreed upon what we thought would be a likely spot. He promised to send his very best machine and operators and the outfit arrived here on the 15th. They began work the next day and have been working almost continuously ever since. At a depth of 132 ft. they found water which rose to a height of 30 ft. in the pipe. They were not in rock and although the water stayed with them to a degree it was not in the desired quantity. They drilled day after day and since about 75 ft. it was always in sand or fine gravel. They drove case pipe almost foot for foot with the drill and at the end of August they had reached a depth of 175 ft. still in the same sand and gravel formation.

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