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Memo. to the Deputy Minister.

Indian Affairs
Province of Nova Scotia.

In further reference to my memo. of Feb. 27th. 1920 on the above subject and in view of the present agitation for economy, may I be permitted to submit the following comparison between the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with respect to Indian affairs during the present fiscal year 1923-24.

| | Nova Scotia. | New Brunswick. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Area of province (sq. miles)... | 21,428 | 27,985 |
| Indian population..... | 2,031 | 1,846 |
| No. of Reserves occupied..... | 25 | 15 |
| No. of Reserves unoccupied.... | 20 | 11 |
| Area of reserves (acres)..... | 21,701 | 20,782 |
| No. of schools..... | 11 | 11 |
| Value of real & personal property | \$259,224 | \$ 202,676 |
| No. of agents..... | 19 | 3 |
| Salaries of agents to Mar. 1924. | \$ 5,600 | \$2,640 |
| Paid out for relief (to Jan 31st) | 24,380.51 | 15,567.35 |
| " " " medical attendance " | 15,713.91 | 6,444.55 |
| Agriculture..... " | 1,672.60 | 912.43 |
| Misc. (travelling exp. etc.) " | 2,408.48 | 1,592.33 |
| Road construction..... " | 1,267.18 | 272.50 |

It will be seen that three agencies in New Brunswick cover a larger area than nineteen in Nova Scotia.

The Indian population of Nova Scotia is only 10% greater than that of New Brunswick. That although the real and personal property of the Nova Scotia Indians is 22% greater than those of New Brunswick yet the amount expended for relief purposes was 47% greater than the expenditure for the poorer Indians of New Brunswick.

Although the population is only 10% greater in Nova Scotia yet the medical expense was 140% greater than in New Brunswick.

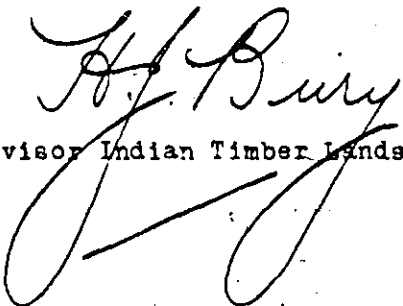
I submit, that if better supervision was exercised in Nova Scotia these two items, relief and medical attendance could be appreciably reduced.

The travelling expenses of 19 agents in Nova Scotia were 52% greater than the travelling expenses of 3 agents in New Brunswick and the salaries 109% greater.

To sum up:-

Three agents in New Brunswick covering a territory which is a third larger, and a population only 10% less administered affairs during the ten months April 1st, 1923 to Jan. 31st, 1924 for the total sum of \$ 27,754.14 whilst similar functions of nineteen agents in Nova Scotia cost \$ 49,716.39 during the same period.

I think it is generally conceded that the administration in New Brunswick is the equal in efficiency, if not superior, to that in Nova Scotia and I beg leave to suggest that a re-organisation of the administration in Nova Scotia so as to more nearly resemble that in New Brunswick might well be given careful consideration at the present time.


Supervisor Indian Timber Lands.