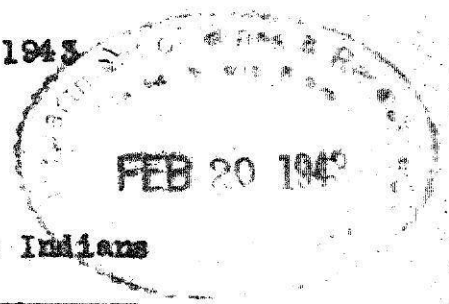


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MEMORANDUM

Feb. 18, 1945



DEPUTY MINISTER

Removal of Cape Breton Indians
to Eskasoni

Mr. Clarence Gillis, M.P., with his covering letter of Feb. 17, has sent the Minister the attached letter (Feb. 15) from Mr. Ben E. Christmas, Secretary of the Indian Council, Sydney, N.S. Mr. Christmas refers to a "lengthy memorandum from the Minister"; this apparently has reference to the Minister's letter to Mr. Gillis of May 20, 1942, explaining the scheme of centralization of the Indians of Nova Scotia.

Note Mr. Christmas' statements on page 2, par. 2 - and following.

Will you please have a draft letter to Mr. Gillis prepared for the Minister's signature, bringing the matter up to date.

[Handwritten Signature]
Private Secretary.

Encls.

PS- I presume the Branch will be retaining copy of Mr. Christmas' letter. You might ask them to be good enough to furnish a copy for our own files.

Dr. McGill -
For draft reply as requested.

[Handwritten initials]