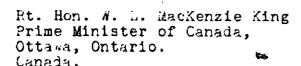
Barrahead, Cape Breton, March 16, 1943.



Rt. Hon. Sir:-

As, Decetary of Barraheau Indian Reserve Council, I am instructed to bring your attention, the sentiments of our fellow micmacs Indians of this Barrahead, Richmond County Reserve, regarding the centralization of Cape Breton reserves at Eskasoni, Cape Breton.

This reserve, one of the bidest in Cape Breton is occupied by some fifty families, the majority of whom are opposed to the consolidation of their reserve at Eskasoni.

The members of the reserve however, are almost unanimous in their approval of the scheme of centralization of Cape Breton Indians if it would enable the Indian administration, to more effectively and economically serve the needs of micmac population of Cape Breton along educational and training lives to improve our physical condition, to improve our moral and social welfare, and the institution of a definite policy for the betterment of micmac Indians of Cape Breton in general.

In our opinion however, Eskasoni is not the proper site for for such important program. And, judging by the exhibition of present supervisors in charge of operations on the scene, it is apparent that the authorities und r your charge, ao not intend to carry out the places as already reported. It is also apparent that the present supervisors are far too incompetent in handling such an important task, to the satisfaction of all concerned here. And, unless we are favoured with a proper explanation of general principle in regard with the centralization plans, to gether with the same sound proposition on systematic basis, to our best interest, we intend to continue our opposition to the selection of Eskasoni site. If the Department however, must carry out plans of centralization at Eskasoni, the site and the proposition must be made as attractive as possible, and properly explained to us, towards winning the confidence of our population here as a whole, your courtesy of reply would be appreciated. I remain.

Yours respectfully,

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Secretary Barrahead Indian