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Accompanying letter No. 9,435

Ottawa, 4th May, 1904.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I beg to state that this Department has under consideration the question of a conference with the Indians whose habitat lies North of the Height of Land between the boundaries of the tract surrendered by the Robinson Treaties in 1850 and the northern and eastern boundaries of the Province of Ontario.

Preliminary census of the Indians inhabiting this tract shows that the population of 2365 is divided into localities as follows:-

SCHEDULE OF POPULATION:

Missanabie	100
Biscotasing	125
Fort Hope	100
Osnaburgh	100
Martens Falls	80
Albany	150
English River	50
Long Lake	50
Moose Factory	500
New Fort or New Post	40
Abitibi	400
Rupert's House	40
Moswonoby	150
Mattagami	200
Flying Post	100
New Brunswick House	200
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I beg to seek your advice as to the best method to be followed in visiting these Indians with a view to negotiating a treaty with them.

Would it be best to assemble the chief men of each band or locality at several central points? What would be the latest date upon which the Department could make definite appointments with the Indians for a meeting?

Would your Company be disposed to furnish transport for the officers to be appointed to treat with the Indians in the same manner as was done for the Treaty 9 Commissioners? It is deemed advisable at present to treat this matter as confidential. I should like to hear from you at as early a date as possible.

Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) FRANK PEDLEY.
Deputy Supt. General of Indian Affairs.

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