

Completing the Puzzle without all the Pieces

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Background

- ▶ The Algonquin Nation Secretariat conducts research on behalf of the Algonquin communities of: Timiskaming, Wolf Lake, Barriere Lake and has done some work for Kebaowek
- ▶ Of our member communities, Timiskaming has the most specific claims
- ▶ This particular claim deals with a Pre-Confederation reserve, non-treaty - and a timber lease and subsequent surrender
- ▶ Two particular transactions relating to timber
 - ▶ Timber Lease - 1870
 - ▶ Timber Surrender - 1890 for whole of reserve
- ▶ The key document - the original timber lease, has never been found
- ▶ We will focus on how we used other sources in order to get a clear picture of the events that occurred without having access to the lease that was the focus of the claim

Usual Research Practices

- ▶ Consulting the Red or Black Series files at LAC
 - ▶ File was incomplete and many documents were removed before LAC received the file
 - ▶ No lease, no sketch and no supporting correspondence before 1875
- ▶ Checking the Reserve General Register or the Indian Lands Registry System
 - ▶ No progress was made here either
 - ▶ No copy, no terms of the lease
 - ▶ Didn't know what area it covered as that time the reserve boundaries were not confirmed

THEY HAVE BUILT.

- 18,724

SIX NATIONS RESERVE - APPLICATION
BY JAMES OVEREND FOR A PATENT TO
THE E 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF LOT 11,
CON. 2, SENECA TOWNSHIP.

1880

- 18,752

WHYCOCOMAGH RESERVE - PATENT TO
NEIL McKINNON FOR LOT 10,
WHYCOCOMAGH (SKETCH).

1880-1882

18,753-2

TIMISKAMING RESERVE - SALE OF
TIMBER (PLANS).

1875-1895

18,753-4

TIMISKAMING RESERVE - SALE OF
TIMBER.

1908-1915

Red Series Subject File

LAC RG10 Vol. 2103 File 18,753-2 Reel C-11,158

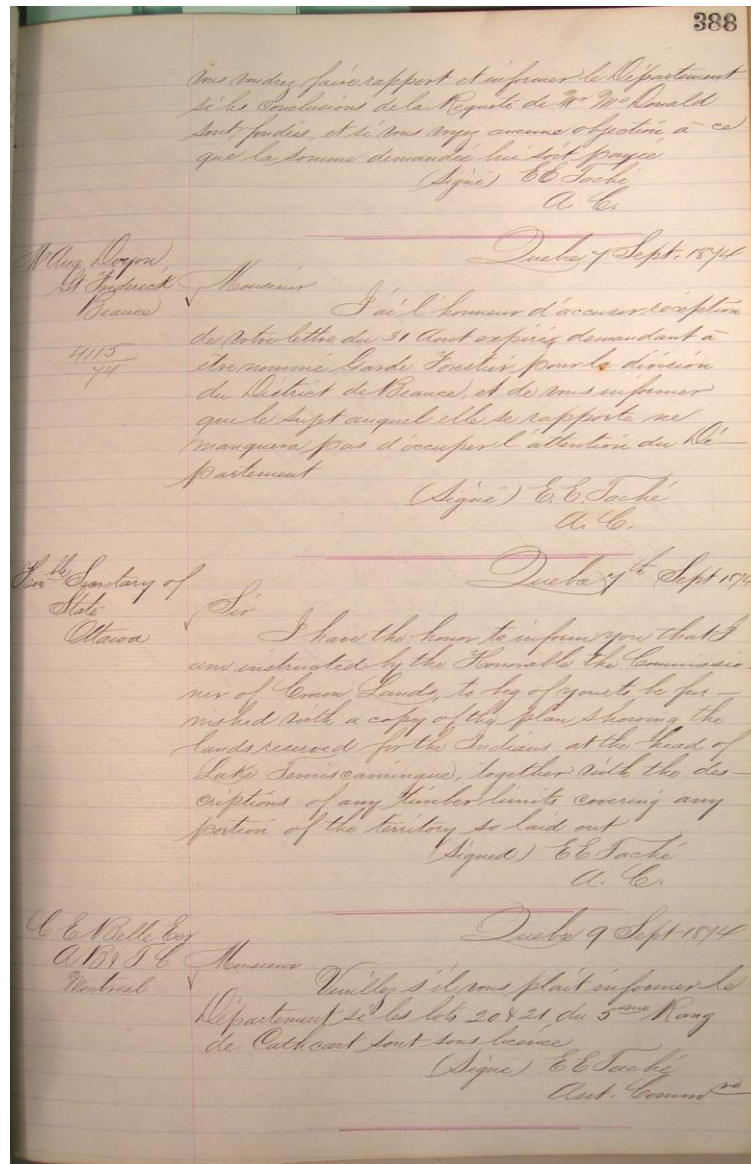
There were no plans found in this file and the lease was also missing

Next Steps

- ▶ Having to piece together the whole picture from other sources highlights the importance of doing 360° research to help triangulate the facts
- ▶ While we knew about the lease, we also knew that it had been sold a few times over the years
 - ▶ Understanding the timber regulations of the time was important since timber sales had to be advertised
- ▶ Having the date of the lease provided us with a range to check the Incoming Letter Registers to see when the lease reached the department

Letterbook of Crown Timber Agent

Letter from EE Tache, Commissioner of Crown Lands asking to be sent a plan of the reserve and the timber limits on it



Hon^{ble} Secretary of
State
Ottawa

Sir

Quebec^y 1th Sept 1874

I have the honor to inform you that I
am instructed by the Honorable the Commis-
sioner of Crown Lands, to beg of you to be fur-
nished with a copy of the plan showing the
lands reserved for the Indians at the head of
Lake Temiscamingue, together with the des-
criptions of any timber limits covering any
portion of the territory so laid out

(Signed) E. C. Tache
A. C.

Incoming Letter Registers

- ▶ All incoming letters to the department were recorded in a register, originally organized by region
 - ▶ They were given a number based on when they were received
 - ▶ A summary of what was in the letter was included
 - ▶ Also recorded was what action (if any) was taken and when the letter was received and acknowledged
- ▶ Later all incoming letters are grouped together
 - ▶ Since we knew the date range of the lease and the following timber activities we were able to look for letters relating to Timiskaming and timber

No.	NAME AND ADDRESS.	SUBJECT.	Agents Number.	Date of Letter and Receipt.
18728	P. Hadenrath	Report of inspection at Prairie Altar H. D. J. of the horses of Prairie Altar Instruction.	1898	19/ 18
18749	Jas. P. Graham	Return of Mr. Agent Ogilvie of Prairie on hand and distributed to sick and infirm Indians at the Agency during the month of January last.	1905 1899	21/ 18
18750	P. Hadenrath	Report of inspection at Prairie Altar H. D. J. of 56 men in charge of Prairie Altar Instruction.	1899	21/ 18
18751	E. Dredway	Transmitting a letter from the Sup. Gen. of Indian Affairs from P. Hadenrath applying for an increase of salary.	1890	11/ 18
18752	Chas. MacKinnon Mr. J. Macdonald M.P.	Enclosing bid to him from Mr. MacKinnon for 25 acres, more or less, part of the Indian Reserve at St. Mary's, and asking that a patent may be issued for the same.	1826	11/ 18
18753	H. W. Dean	Placing \$275 as a bonus for Indian Agent Indian Reserve head of Lake Simi, Samungue pointing on that portion of the Ottawa River known as Prairie Altar	1893	11/ 18
18754	Jas. Van Abbott	Enclosing \$275 received from Richard Cadotte for settling timber license on H. E. J. etc. 20. Macdonald.	1897	6/ 18
18755	Andrew Wilson	App for Acknowledgment in Orange City Indians for Indian Supplies.	1888	21/ 18
18756	John Mowat	Re the amount received by Indians for their fisheries.	1888	21/ 18
18757	The Hon. Hon. J. H. Macdonald Hon. J. H. Macdonald	Bayla Pine Paul Chief of the Band Ind. St. Mary's Church asks that Government be appointed to receive and disburse the Govt. money on the Bayla Chas. Sargeant, lives to pay away	1888	21/ 18

No.	NAME AND ADDRESS.	SUBJECT.
✓ 9335-	Ross & Co	Enclosing Box Cert. & dth. & m. Ground rent "Lumber" licence Lemuecamingue Ind. Reserve

Date of
Letter and
Receipt.
1876
29th
17/Dec
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Letter acknowledging the receipt of ground rent for timber license on the Timiskaming Reserve

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Department of the Interior
for the Province
Indian Branch
Ottawa 20th Sep 79

W. B. Newcomb Esq
Clerk to the Hon^{ble} & Hon^{ble} Comm^{rs} Sir
Lepreux Hall
Toronto

I have to request that you will inform me if an application was made to the Hon^{ble} and Hon^{ble} Council at their sittings in July last for patent to issue in trust to the Executors of the late Leonard Gleason for Lot 35 in 7th Con of the Town of Alton and Parish of St. James Range of the Village of Maitland. Mr. William Pells of Coburgs Bay, one of the Executors informs me, that this order was obtained and has been forwarded by the Clerk of the Court to the Indian Department, but no such document has been received.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours
J. S. P.

Department of the Interior
for the Province
Indian Branch
Ottawa 18th Sep 79

Mr. P. S. Esq
Blanchester
P. Q.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst enclosing a Bank Certificate of deposit of Draft for \$304 in payment of Bonus Ground and License fee for Trilow in the Indian Reserve in the Township of Tormacconnigland. I have the honor to enclose herewith a License in your favor covering the Trilow upon said Reserve and to request that you will jointly with some other responsible person sign at the foot of this first page in acceptance of the terms thereof & return the License to this Office when a duplicate thereof will be forwarded to you for retention.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully,
Yours
J. S. P.

Department of the Interior
for the Province
Indian Branch
Ottawa 18th Sep 79

Mr. A. M. Munn Esq
M. P. Esq
Hardsville

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of

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Department of Sec^y of State
for the Provinces
Indian Branch

Ottawa 15th Sept^r 70

Sir

✓
Wm P. Moore Esq^r

M. P. Sec^y of State
Chichester
P. D.

P 6/11/70

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Inst. enclosing a Bank Certificate of deposit & Draft for \$304 in payment of Bonus Ground Rent & License fee for Timber in the Indian Reserve in the Township of Temiscamingue. And I have the honor to enclose herewith a License in your favor covering the Timber upon that Reserve and to request that you will jointly with some other responsible person, sign at the foot of the first page in acceptance of the terms thereof & return the License to this Office where a duplicate thereof will be forwarded to you for retention.

I have the honor
Joseph Howe

J. S.

Department of Sec^y of State
for the Provinces

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Wm A. Murray Esq^r
M. P. Sec^y of State

This edition from January 8, 1895 advertises the timber on the Timiskaming Reserve

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Clarence street, is con-
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The attractions this
including Prof. W. C.
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F. Wall. The admission

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ATURDAY. Popular

delivered to all parts of the city at the
shortest notice.



Tenders for Indian Timber Limits

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the
undersigned, up to noon of Friday, the 30th
August next, for the green standing pine,
spruce and tamarac timber over nine inches in
diameter at the stump, and all dead and fallen
timber, on the Temiscamingue Indian Reserve,
which contains an area of 60 square miles and is
situated at the head of Lake Temiscamingue,
in the county of Pontiac in the Province of
Quebec.

And also sealed tenders for the green stand-
ing pine over nine inches in diameter at the
stump and all dead and fallen timber, on the
Wahnapitac Indian Reserve, situated on the
north shore of Lake Wahnapitac, in the Dis-
trict of Nipissing, in the Province of Ontario,
containing an area of four square miles.

Each tenderer shall state the sum he is willing
to pay in cash as a bonus for each limit over and
above the ordinary Crown dues chargeable un-
der tariff of the Department, and there shall ac-
company each tender an accepted cheque on a
chartered bank of the Dominion in favor of the
undersigned for ten per cent of the amount of
the tender, which sum shall be furnished in the
case of the failure of the successful tenderer to
complete purchase of limit as hereinafter spec-
ified; and in the case of unsuccessful tenders
the cheque will be returned.

The successful tenderer shall, within fifteen
days from date of notice of acceptance, pay to-
balance of bonus, together with ground rent and
license fee, and furnish satisfactory bonds by
himself and two sureties for the proper carrying
out of the terms of license.

The purchaser or purchasers will be allowed
ten years for removal of the timber specified
in the license, the Department reserving the
right to authorize the cutting and removal of
timber of such descriptions as the Indians.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily
be accepted.

For further information as to the rate of dues, etc.,
can be had on application to the undersigned.

HAYTER NEEDE,
Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Department of Indian Affairs.



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OTTAWA, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1884.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



APPOINTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:—

Ottawa, 2nd June, 1884.

JACOB CARVELL GOUGH, of Port Arthur, Esquire; to be a Commissioner under the Act 32-33 Vict., chap. 24 (1869) as amended by the Act 33 Vict., chap. 28 (1870), and for the purposes thereof, *vice* Raymond Bruyère, Esquire.

21st June, 1884.

JOHN McLEAN, of Osgoode Hall, in the Province of Ontario, Esquire, Barrister-at-law; to be Deputy Judge of the County Court of the County of Elgin, in the said Province, during the illness of His Honor Judge Hughes.

27th June, 1884.

ROBERT SMITH, Esquire, of Osgoode Hall, Barrister-at-law, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law; to be a Puisné Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Manitoba.

30th June, 1884.

JOHN TUDOR, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, Esquire; to be the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, under the provisions of the Act 47 Vict., chap. 18.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for Canada.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Cumberland.—Charles James Townshend, of Amherst, Barrister-at-law, in the room of Sir Charles Tupper, K.C.M.G., who hath accepted an office of emolument under the Crown.

RICHARD POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

PROCLAMATIONS.

JOHN J. McGEE,
Deputy Governor.

[L.S.]

CANADA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, and to each and every of you—
GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS Our Parliament of Canada stands prorogued to the eighth day of the month of July instant, at which time, at Our City of Ottawa, you were held and constrained to appear; Now Know Ye, that for diverse causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, on the EIGHTEENTH day of the month of AUGUST next, to meet Us in our Parliament of Canada, at our City of Ottawa, there to take into consideration the

Transferring the timber license

FOLIO NO. 274

CONCESSION FORESTIERE

Division <i>Ottawa Supérieur</i>	Superficie en milles carrés <i>6</i>
Date de l'affermage <i>31 juillet 1846</i>	Durée du permis
Mise à prix par mille carré	Prix obtenu par mille carré
Rente foncière par mille carré	Total de la vente
Conditions du permis <i>à l'entière satisfaction</i>	

Nom du Concessionnaire Primitif *George Bygon*

Adresse

TRANSFERTS

Transféré à	Adresse	Re	Date	Prime Transfert	No. du dossier
<i>John & George Bygon</i>			<i>1849. 2. 10. 1849</i>	<i>6.000 m. (2)</i>	<i>10147-42</i>
<i>George J. Bygon</i>			<i>1861. 8. 10. 1861</i>	<i>6.000 m. (2)</i>	<i>8490-22</i>
<i>J. B. Green Ltd.</i>			<i>2175. 16. 12. 1932</i>	<i>Charles Green</i>	<i>34935-32</i>
<i>Ed. Gaudet & Co.</i>			<i>109. 8. 10. 1941</i>	<i>22.000 m. (4)</i>	<i>5477-42</i>
<i>Industrie Forestière Ltd.</i>			<i>350. 28. 10. 1955</i>	<i>6.000 m. (2)</i>	<i>719</i>
<i>Booth & Co. Ltd.</i>			<i>437. 2. 10. 1962</i>	<i>65.000 m. (2)</i>	<i>7077-2. 5. 2</i>

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FOLIO NO. 274

RENOUVELLEMENT du PERMIS D'EXPLOITATION FORESTIERE

Saison	No. du Permis	PRESENT LOCATAIRE	Mois d'acquisition	Superficie en milles carrés	Rente Foncière
<i>1920-21</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Ernest & Co. Bygon</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>39.00</i>
<i>1921-22</i>	<i>167</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>39.00</i>
<i>1922-23</i>	<i>22</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>39.00</i>
<i>1923-24</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>Ernest & Co. Bygon</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>39.00</i>
<i>1924-25</i>	<i>626</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>47.00</i>
<i>1925-26</i>	<i>16</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>47.00</i>
<i>1926-27</i>	<i>5</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>47.00</i>
<i>1927-28</i>	<i>41</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>47.00</i>
<i>1928-29</i>	<i>5</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>47.00</i>
<i>1929-30</i>	<i>143</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1930-31</i>	<i>109</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1931-32</i>	<i>10</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1932-33</i>	<i>26</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1933-34</i>	<i>6</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1934-35</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Ernest & Co. Bygon & J. B. Green Ltd.</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1935-36</i>	<i>41</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1936-37</i>	<i>436</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1937-38</i>	<i>430</i>	<i>Ernest & Co. Bygon & J. B. Green Ltd.</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1938-39</i>	<i>351</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1939-40</i>	<i>318</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1940-41</i>	<i>108</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1941-42</i>	<i>615</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1942-43</i>	<i>691</i>	<i>Alex. B. Gaudet & J. H. Gaudet</i>		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1943-44</i>	<i>1735</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1944-45</i>	<i>1229</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1945-46</i>	<i>6353</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1946-47</i>	<i>8435</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>48.00</i>
<i>1947-48</i>	<i>10662</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1948-49</i>	<i>12430</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1949-50</i>	<i>14705</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1950-51</i>	<i>16840</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1951-52</i>	<i>18936</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1952-53</i>	<i>20970</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1953-54</i>	<i>23073</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1954-55</i>	<i>24992</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>1955-56</i>	<i>27146</i>	"		<i>6</i>	<i>50.00</i>

Findings

- ▶ By checking the other sources of information, we were able to get a clear picture of what was happening up at Timiskaming during the time of the timber lease (also what was happening that wasn't supposed to be happening)
- ▶ Consulting the other less utilized resources really helped to fill in the gaps
- ▶ Despite not finding the original lease, we were able to track it as it changed hands throughout the years
 - ▶ Throughout the years the lease was never re-assessed and it wasn't until 1894 that a surrender was first taken for the timber on the reserve

Things Learned

- ▶ Don't be discouraged if a key document is missing
- ▶ Try to complete a full 360 degree view of what was happening at the time
- ▶ If we had the lease, we might not have had to check everywhere else and would have missed out on the disparity between crown land dues and the dues being paid on the reserve
- ▶ There are always work arounds for when a document is missing
- ▶ The incoming letter registers are an under used resource; and while files may have been destroyed we have the summaries of letters and what action was taken
- ▶ Always explore other resources, for anything relating to timber, they had to be advertised and they should show up at one point