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OTTAWA, 24th February, 1906.

Sir:-

In reply to your communication of the 20th instant, inclosing a letter addressed to you by Chas. Big Canoe explaining the difficulties which new locatees have to surmount and alleging that when the Conservatives were in power the Indians did not experience any such difficulty in obtaining privileges as at present obtain, etc. I have to state that the same regulations are in force to-day as were operative prior to 1896, and the treatment of the Indians is quite ^{as} kind and considerate as formerly, and, therefore, the statements made by Mr. Big Canoe are incorrect and untrue.

The letter is returned herewith, as requested.

Your obedient servant,

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