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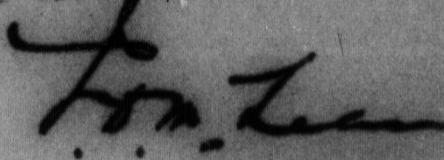
Ottawa, 8th Jan., 1904.

Sir,-

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In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the work being carried on by Mr. Davies, a Seventh Day Adventist, among the Indians of Port Simpson, I beg to state that, whilst the policy of the Department is to abstain from interference in regard to religious matters, it is, nevertheless, incumbent upon it to see that the Indian Act is enforced, the provisions of which make it necessary that before a white man can reside upon a reserve he must obtain permission.

Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

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