Ottawa, 25th April, 1905.

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th ultimo calling attention to the condition of the Indians in the neighbourhood of Vermilion and stating that no less than twenty deaths have occurred in five or six families during the past few months.

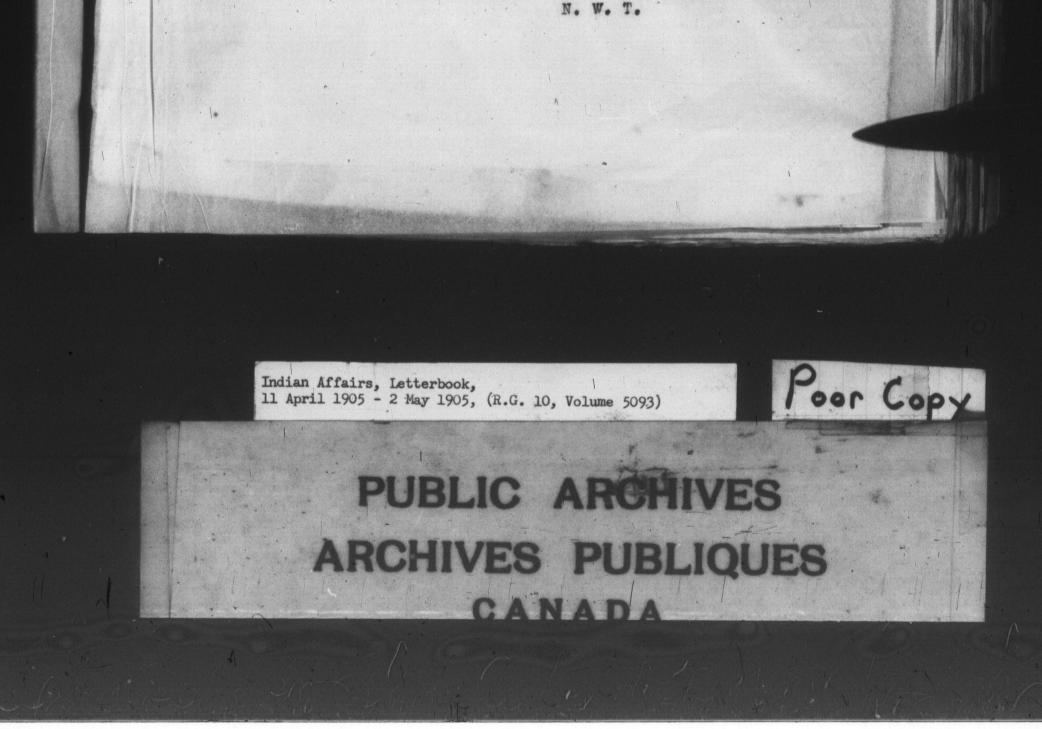
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In reply I have to inform you that Mr. Inspector Conroy has been instructed to look into the matter and report.

Secretary.

Your obedient servant,



Mr. Fred. S. Lawrence,

Vermilion, Athabasca,