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Ottawa, 26th June, 1915.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing rules and regulations with respect to the construction and maintenance of the roads together with a resolution of the Council adopting the same. I have also your letter of the 13th instant enclosing a letter from Mr. Indian Superintendent Logan of Parry Sound on behalf of Jonas King, a member of the Christian Island band, residing at Parry Island, and asking if Mr. King is liable for statute labour on Christian Island.

In reply I beg to say that under the proposed regulations the statute labour is to be performed in respect of membership and not in respect of land owned. It appears to the Department that where statute labour is performed in respect to membership it should only apply to those members residing on the reserve and that members who are residing permanently off the reserve, as in the case of Mr. King, that they should not be called upon for the performance of such statute labour. Before taking any action with respect to these proposed regulations the

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