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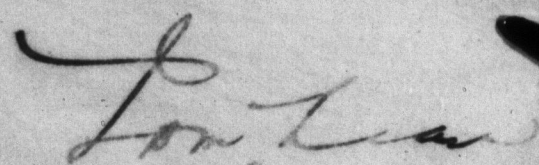
Ottawa, February 16, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., inclosing a communication from the Principal of the Kenora Boarding School, in which he applies to purchase 350 acres of land in the Rat Portage reserve, No. 38 B. together with a sketch showing the location of the land in question and a report from Mr. Agent McKenzie on the need of this land in connection with the school.

In reply I beg to say that, as the reserve on which the land referred to is situated, has not been confirmed by the Ontario Government, this Department cannot sell land thereon even if it were surrendered. The best course for the Principal to pursue would be to apply to the Ontario Government, and if they would consent to this Department's selling, it would be in a position to deal with the matter.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

The Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.