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Ottawa, February 12th, 1913.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing a communication from the Rev. Mr. Tomlinson in reference to the gardening operations at Neenahinicht, Skeena River, B.C. In reply, I beg to say, that the Department thoroughly approves having a garden conducted at every Indian School where it is practicable, and will agree to the suggestion of the teacher, that during the months of April, May, June, September and October, the older children present might be employed ^{half time} in out-door work. The question of remuneration must be left with the teacher, as the Department cannot take any responsibility for this. Help to a reasonable extent in the way of tools and seeds will be given, if you will submit a list with an estimate of the cost.

It is hoped that this proposed scheme will result in a better attendance of the larger children, which is the object Mr. Tomlinson has in view.

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Deputy and Secretary.

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