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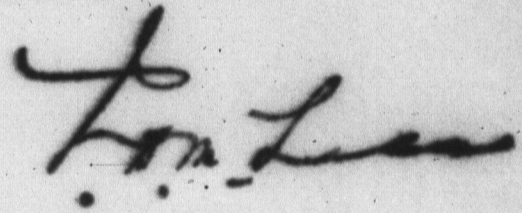
Ottawa, 8th January, 1904.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, I beg to say that after consideration the Department has decided to assume the cost of installing a water supply at the Birtle Boarding School. An expenditure not exceeding \$750.00 may therefore be incurred for that purpose. The Department desires that you will make the necessary arrangements. Before the work is begun you should assure yourself that the plan to be adopted is in all respects feasible and thoroughly suited to the purpose, in order that the work may be, when completed, thoroughly satisfactory in all respects.

I have observed that you have included an item for the above in your estimates for 1904-5, but as the money is available out of the current year's vote, the amount inserted in your estimates for 1904-5 will be dropped therefrom.

Your obedient servant.



Secretary.

The Hon. D. Laird,

Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.