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Ottawa, June 14, 1913.

Sir,-

Yesterday I telegraphed you as follows: "Refer to letter twelfth instant held election Wednesday second July Writing."

I beg to explain now that your letter of the 10th and mine of the 12th crossed. Had it been known that a number of the Indians would not be present if the election were held on the 10th, the date would have been fixed for a later time, as has now been done by yesterday's telegraph.

With reference to the matter of the election being by ballot I have to say that the Department has no objection to this course, but it would be necessary that the consent of the majority should be expressed in favour of this change at a meeting of the band called for that purpose. If this can be arranged in time before the election it may be done.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

R. J. Palmer, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Barnie, Ont.

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