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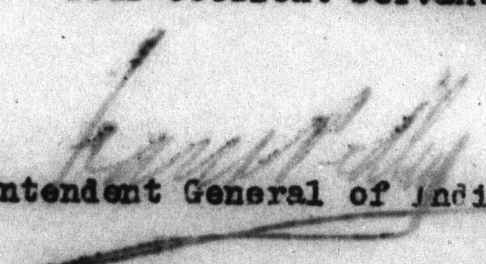
Madam:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 12th. instant transmitting a copy of a resolution passed by the Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Society, relative to evils resulting on Vancouver Island from certain marriage customs prevailing among the Indians.

In reply I am not aware that the Department can do better than send you a copy of a communication recently addressed to the Secretary of the National Council of Women in connection with a closely kindred resolution adopted by them, which it is thought will furnish full information in the matter.

It may be added that the Department with a view to imbuing girls with that self-respect which is one of the first steps towards correcting the most objectionable marriage customs more or less prevalent, is establishing a Home for their training at Alert Bay, from which excellent results are confidently anticipated.

Your obedient servant,

  
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Miss L. E. Stark,

Corresponding Secretary W. B. H. M. Society,

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