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Ottawa, 5th May, 1891.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 9th ultimo, and to the certificate enclosed therein, from the Registrar of the County of East York, as to the marriage of Lewis Hager and Sallie Chubb, on the 5th December 1864, by the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, I beg to inform you that the law which was in force in 1864 recognized as members of an Indian Band not only those who were born as such but apparently any party, male or female, who intermarried with the Indians of that Band.

In the face, therefore, of the certificate of marriage of the said Lewis Hager with Sallie Chubb, who was a member of the Mississauga Band of Alwick, on the 5th December 1864, his right to be considered a member of that Band cannot apparently be disputed; and, unless it can be shown that he deserted his wife, it would not appear that he could be legally kept from participating in the

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