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Ottawa, 2nd January, 1912.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th ultimo, I have to say that the medal in the possession of Miss Green is evidently one of those obtained by this Department in 1872 from a firm in Montreal, to be given to certain Indian Chiefs in Manitoba and the North West Territories.

It was the intention of the Department that these medals should be of silver, but reports were received after they were distributed that they soon tarnished, and were not therefore satisfactory. In consequence, the order was given to Messrs. J.S. & A.B. Lyon of London, England, for silver medals to replace those manufactured in Montreal. The Chiefs were, however, allowed to retain the old medals as well as those sent to replace them, and a number of these, it is understood, have come into the possession of persons other than Indians.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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