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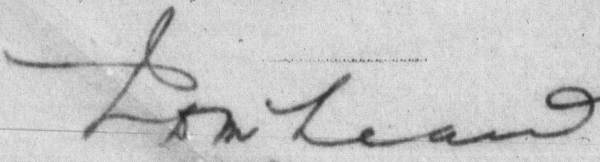
Ottawa, 22nd. May, 1909.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 10th. instant and in reply to inform you that if in your opinion there is no objection to retaining Portneuf's services as a constable the Department has no objection to the arrangement you suggest, and you may ascertain from him and Holette respectively whether they would accept the positions and the salaries.

I may say however that the Department has been told by one Thomas Sadoquis that Portneuf himself drinks, and not only refrains from doing anything to prevent the abuse of intoxicants by his brothers, but shields them from the interference of others, and the Department will be glad to learn what if any truth there is in these allegations.

Your obedient servant,


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