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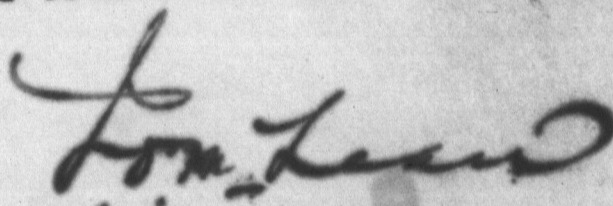
Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and of the report enclosed therewith from Mr. A.W. Ponton, relating to the proposed irrigation ditch in the Blood Indian reserve.

It may be necessary, as mentioned by yourself, to ultimately engage an engineer who has made a specialty of irrigation ditches, in the event of the work being decided upon. The preliminary survey and estimate of cost can, however, be made by one of our own surveyors. It has been decided to hold this matter in abeyance until one of our own surveyors can be conveniently sent to attend to this work.

It is evident from Mr. Ponton's report that an irrigation ditch may be constructed that will be of great service, however, as stated above, this matter can remain in abeyance for the present. Kindly ask Mr. Ponton for his account, and forward the same to the Department.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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