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Ottawa, October 12, 1909.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., and in reply I beg to embody herewith that portion of the Department's letter of the 4th inst., which was inadvertently misplaced when being prepared for mailing:-

" that this boy was ahalf-breed and not an Indian the application would have been refused onthat ground, and neither Mr. Fortier nor Mr. Lousley would have been permitted to take into the institutions under their management as a grant earner.

The Elkhorn Industrial School is supported by the Government for the maintenance of Indian children only, and, even if it were under the management of the Church of England, permission would not be given to enrol half-breeds. Non-treaty Indian children are not debarred from admission, but this boy is not a non-treaty Indian, as, when the treaty was made, application was made on his behalf for half-breed scrip, as above stated; a fact of which you were evidently aware.

The Department has never at any time assumed responsibility for

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