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Ottawa, 17th. February, 1906.

Sir:-

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of letter from your office of 9th. instant transmitting copy of a communication from Mr. Agent Fleetham relative to some remarks the Department made with respect to what the Inspector reported as to his method of handling his Indians and in reply to advise you as follows:-

Reference to the Inspector's report will show that there was no room for doubt as to the Inspector's meaning, and the Department's observations so far from constituting a severe rebuke might have been more reasonably construed as the Department's indorsation of a criticism on the part of the Inspector made in the best interests of the Agent himself as well as of his Indians.

It may be added that if, as is assumed, the Department expressed appreciation of the successful side of the Agent's work was communicated to him as well as the criticism referred to, the Agent's concluding remarks seem to say the least of it, decidedly wanting in point .

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.

James S. ...
Deputy Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs

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