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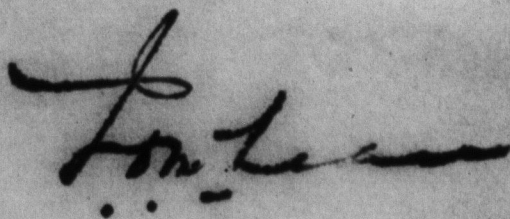
Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant regarding the claim by the husband of Mrs. Lemab, No. 20 Missanable Crees, to be paid annuity as a Treaty No. 9 Indian, I have to say that when the Commissioners were at Missanable this woman, who must then have been married, made no claim for her husband. You should therefore investigate the case as it is not the desire of the Department to add names to the list without the very fullest investigation.

You should ascertain to what part of the country he belongs, what is his father's name if possible, why he has not made claim before, where his present residence is, and in fact, all the information you can discover. As these annuities are paid by the Province of Ontario, the Department cannot make any additions to the list without giving the Province the fullest information.

You should therefore not pay this man until you are specially authorized to do so. Are there any children in this family?

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

H. A. West, Esq.,

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