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Ottawa, March 15, 1911.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in reference to compulsory attendance of the Mississaugas of the Credit at the day school on the reserve.

In reply I beg to say that the Department cannot see the force of your contention. These regulations, as other similar regulations, call for children between the ages of 7 and 15 years to attend school during the full term, unless they are excused as provided for in section 17. It is not considered advisable to limit the term to 100 days in each year when there are 216 teaching days. There may be reasons for which a child should be excused from attending the school over and above those enumerated in clause 17 of the regulations and in that case it will be for you to ~~exercise~~ exercise your discretion. In the meantime it is thought that some steps should be taken to put these regulations in force.

Your obedient servant,



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