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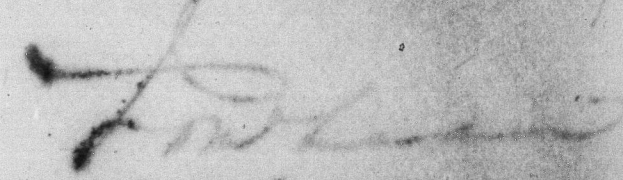
Ottawa, 25th July, 1911,

Rev. Sir:-

In reply to the communication of yourself and others, dated the 4th instant and addressed to the Hon. F. Oliver requesting the payment of a salary to the Church of England Missionary at Pierreville: I have to inform you with regret that it will not be possible to meet your wishes. It is not the policy of the Department to pay the salaries of Missionaries or spiritual advisers, to the Indians, and it was decided some time ago to do away with these payments. There now remains only one Missionary in New Brunswick, who is paid by Parliamentary appropriation and this will cease upon his death or removal from his present incumbency.

The payment to the Roman Catholic Missionary at Pierreville is still paid, however, for reasons which are considered good and sufficient. The old deed or grant of the Reserve property at Pierreville distinctly sets forth that it may be held as an Indian Reserve so long as a Jesuit Missionary is maintained at that place. It therefore becomes necessary for the Department to maintain the Missionary and, of course, to pay the incumbent a fair salary. This payment is made as much in the interest of the Protestant as the Roman Catholic Indians, as it secures the undisputed title to the Reserve lands.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.Rev. H. W. Naughton,  
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