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Ottawa, Jan. 8, 1908.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. reporting the results of the election held on that day.

In reply I beg to say that the Department hereby confirms the election of Nicholas Jerome as chief and of John Gedeon, Polycarpe Martin, Thomas Germain and Thomas Duffy as councillors for a term of three years.

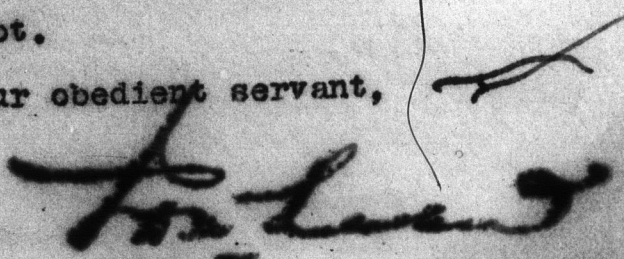
In passing I might remark that it is observed that both in the nominations and in the voting the names of four candidates for the office of councillor were grouped together in each case with that of the name of a candidate for the office of chief. Now, while of course it is impossible to prevent the Indians from voting on a party ticket any more than white men, I have to point out to you that nothing ought to be done to encourage this practice; but on the contrary the Indians ought to be reminded at an election that they are perfectly free to vote for the candidate for the office of chief nominated in one ticket and for one or more candidates for the office of councillor nominated in any other ticket: they are not bound to follow any party ticket and it might be better that they should not.

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary.

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