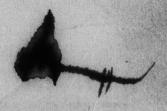
Ottawa, 20th February, 1913.

sir,

I beg to say that the Department has been informed that you recently expressed the opinion that the arrangement made to have a detachment of the Royal North West Mounted Police on the the Stony Reserve, is altogether unnecessary, and that you would be glad to see the same withdrawn, as the Chiefs and older Indians resent the actionof the Government in the matter, claiming it is a reflection on their honesty and general character. It is possible that you may not have been correctly quoted. The Department desires to inform you that the arrent ment was well considered before being carried into effect, and I may say that the Departmen has found that the presence of aopiceman on a reserve results beneficially. It has been learne upon good authority that all kinds of "vagrants, thieves and scamps of the worst description "frequent the Stony Reserve. This report was instrumental in causing the Department to decided have a policeman stationed on the reserve. The Indians should appreciate the action taken on their behalf in the interests of law and order, and you should at all times place the matter before them in that light.

In conclusion I may say that it is hoped that in future you will refrain from critisizing the action of the Department. Your obedient sevant.

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