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Ottawa, 8th July, 1913.

Sir,

The Ontario Provincial License Inspector, Mr. John A. Ayearst, has forwarded to this Department a communication received by him from Mr. T. Albert Moore, General Secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Methodist Church, which deals with the reported condition of affairs at Colpoy's Bay. Mr. Moore states that he has received information that intoxicants are being openly sold to Indians by the Forest Home Hotel at the place mentioned, and that no difficulty would be experienced, if an effort were made in this direction, in securing evidence of the violation of the law in this regard.

Previous communications received at the Department would indicate that the Indians of the Nawash and Cape Croker reserves have no difficulty in obtaining intoxicants both at Wiarton and Colpoy's Bay, and I would be glad if you could detail one of your officers with experience in this work to visit the district mentioned for the purpose of securing convictions against persons guilty of offences against the 135th and following sections of the Indian Act.

The Indian Agent for the reserves in question is Mr. A. J. Duncan of Cape Croker to whom the officer sent by you may apply for any assistance he may require in the performance of the duties assigned to him.

Your obedient servant,

Lieut. Col. Sherwood, C.M.G.,
Chief Commissioner
of Dominion Police,
Ottawa.

John A. Ayearst
Asst. Deputy and Secretary

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