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Ottawa, July 31, 1918.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to the case of Matthew Peter, a pupil of the Iytton Industrial School.

In reply thereto, I beg to confirm the following telegram to you of yesterday's date "Order for discharge Matthew Peter cancelled. Have him returned to Iytton Industrial School under regulations." An application was received on the 15th instant from William Mullen for the discharge of this boy. He stated that the boy was 16 years of age and that he was willing and able to work and that he had been doing so for some time on the C. N. Railway, also that he helped his mother on the farm in the evenings. He also stated that the boy had a good home and considered that he was old enough to start for himself and was anxious to go to work.

In consideration of the boy's age and that he has an opportunity to engage in employment for himself, the Department was of the opinion that it was in the interests of the boy to give him his discharge and the principal was instructed accordingly. However, in view of your report and a protest which has been received from the principal regarding this matter, the Department considers that the true facts were not stated by William Mullen when applying for his discharge. The instructions given the principal

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