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Ottawa, June 28, 1915.

Sir,-

I am enclosing you herewith a list of Caughnawaga children who are now in the St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Orphanages here in Ottawa and I have to request that you will make personal inquiries as to the circumstances of the parents or relatives of the children whose names are given in the list, as the Department has been informed that the parents of many of the children placed in these orphanages are in good circumstances and well able to support their children. The Department would like to know if this is the case, as it has no intention of relieving parents of the responsibility of providing for their children if they are able to do so, as there are excellent schools on the Caughnawaga Reserve which they could attend. It was only intended to relieve parents of the onus of bringing up their children when they are not in a position to do so. Only deserving cases of charity will be placed in institutions of this class in future.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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