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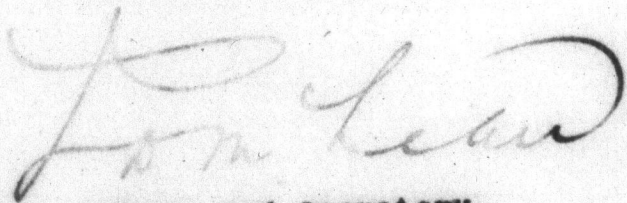
Sir,-

I have to call your attention to the following excerpt from a report recently received from Inspector Semmens with respect to complaints that have been made against the chief at Assabaska.

" Quite a number of complaints have been received, some written, some verbal, with regard to the fitness of the Chief of Assabaska for the position he holds. He is represented as idle, drunken, unreliable and unfair. He does not live on the reserve and during all the influenza trouble has been of no assistance to his people. If half that is said be true, I think the Agent should be asked to investigate and that in case the result was unfavourable to the chief, a new chief be elected to take his place. It might be the easier way to confront him with a list of his faults and ask for his resignation and so prepare the way for a better man. This is a vital matter because the feeling of the complaint makers is intense. "

Please investigate this matter fully and report to the Department in connection therewith, and state whether in your opinion action should be taken for the appointment of a new chief.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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