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Ottawa, May 29, 1913.

Sir,-

A long letter has just been received from Constable Louis Maishquash and others, of the Pays Plat reserve, protesting against Joseph Fisher continuing to act as chief and expressing themselves in favour of Neggon-eginnac as chief.

With reference to this letter I beg to say that the Department has been under a misapprehension. In reply to a letter from Joseph Fisher the Department wrote to him on the 10th inst. telling him that he would continue to hold office until the next election which would take place at the time of the annuity payments. This letter was written under the impression that an election had not been held for some years, but on looking back it is observed that on June 15, 1912, you were instructed to hold an election at the annuity payments of that year. Now the question arises as to whether you followed these instructions and if so why you did not report the result of the election. Be good enough to reply in this matter as soon as possible.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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