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Ottawa, Aug. 25, 1914.

Sirs,-

With reference to my letter of the 11th inst. in regard to charges of intemperance made against the chief and councillors of the Fort William band, I beg now to say that the Department has instructed Agent Brown to take an early opportunity of informing the chief and councillors of the charges made against them and to tell them that, as the Department makes it a practice to give a warning before taking any further action on the first occasion of hearing such complaints as have been made against them, it will not look for evidence in the present instance, but that, if there should be a repetition of such charges in regard to future conduct, they may expect that evidence will be called for, and that they will have to pay the penalty if the same are proved.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.Messrs. A. Bannan, Sr., J. O'Connor,  
and others,

Fort William, Ont.

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