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Dear Sir,-

With further reference to the matter of the examination of Miss Linda Ballagh and Miss Beatrice Childs, temporary stenographers in the office of the Commissioner for greater production on Indian reserves, at Regina, (vide your letter 9th instant No. 136207), on communicating with the Commissioner in the matter I am informed by a letter from him of 23rd instant as follows,- "I was under the impression that they had passed their examinations. I now ascertain that I was wrong and that they are both set down as having failed and their failure was for the reason that they were given no marks for stenography. In all the other subjects they both obtained the qualifying percentage. I was very much surprised to see that they both had received no marks for stenography, and have ascertained that the lady examiner appears to have been insufficiently qualified to hold the examination. She was nervous. I am told, did not articulate properly, and at a pace considerably faster than she should have under the rules set by the Commission. It would appear that both Miss Ballagh and Miss Childs protested in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, who replied stating that after he had taken up the matter with the supervisor in charge at this point, they would be communicated with again. I am informed that neither of them has had any further communication from the Secretary, and I think it only fair that their protest should be inquired into or they should be given an opportunity of appearing again before a qualified examiner to receive dictation, without further expense to themselves. I am quite satisfied, in view of my knowledge of them as stenographers, that they could pass this branch of the examination with

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