

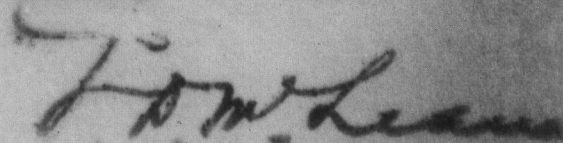
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OTTAWA, March 25th—1903.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you ~~that~~ with reference to your letter of the 19th. instant, ^{that} the Department is in receipt through Mr. Agent Semmens of applications from Marie Chatelaine or Travers and Mary Jane Bird for withdrawal of their savings. These girls it is stated, are both living at Fort Alexander. The latter has already been paid by a cheque sent to your ~~Winnipeg~~ office for her on the 10th. February, 1899. Marie Chatelaine, who has the sum of \$57.09 at her credit, states that she wishes to buy clothing with her money, and, as you are aware, the Department does not approve of such an expenditure of savings, it being the intention that something of permanent value be obtained. You will therefore kindly report fully at your earliest convenience as to the circumstances of Marie Chatelaine, and whether you consider it advisable to let her have her money at present. It is thought that if she is at service, her wages should be sufficient to provide her with clothing and all necessaries.

Your obedient servant,



Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Secretary.

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