



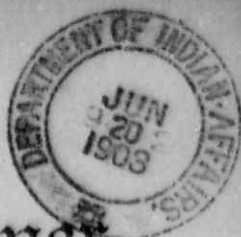
Office of the

Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

17 June 1903.



In your reply refer to

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

Sir,

I beg to report that Chief James Smith, of the Duck Lake Agency, died on the 20th. Nov. last, and it is considered advisable (especially in view of the amalgamation of James Smith and Cumberland (No.100A) Bands) to replace him.

I would, therefore, recommend that Mr. Agent Jones be authorized to select the most progressive Indian for the position and that he be appointed Chief for an indefinite term, upon his signing the usual declaration of office. In case the choice should fall on one of the present Councillors, the Agent might be authorized to appoint another Councillor on the same terms.

Yours truly,

J. A. M. [Signature]
Asst. Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,

Dept. Indian Affairs,

Ottawa.

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