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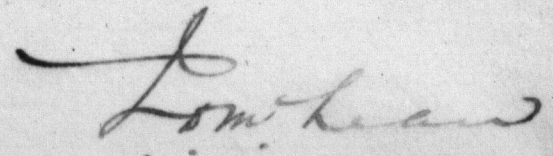
Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., inclosing a petition from the Indians of the Fort Alexander and neighbouring Indian reserves for the establishment of a Protestant boarding school in their district.

In reply I beg to say that the Department has at present under consideration the whole Indian school policy in the West and, until some definite decision is arrived at, it is not prepared to extend the boarding school system.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter I would say that the present boarding school on the Fort Alexander reserve is conducted under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church and the attendance is not limited to Treaty children, Non-treaty children being also eligible for admission, but in either case they must be Indians.

Your obedient Servant,


Secretary.

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