

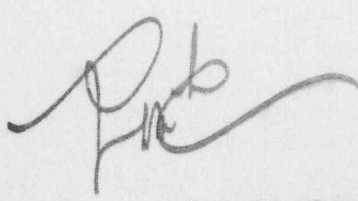
Ottawa, 27th February, 1917.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant with reference to Mr. F.J. Dodson and asking whether it would be possible for him to perform the marriage ceremony among the Indians, he not being an ordained minister.

In reply I beg to say that in order for Mr. Dodson to perform the marriage ceremony he would have to have the qualifications required by the laws of the province. It is not a matter under control of the Department of Indian Affairs.

Your obedient servant,

asw.

J.D. McLean

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

J.F. Woodsworth, Esq.,

Principal

Indian Industrial School.

Red Deer,

Alta.