

Ottawa, May 19, 1909.

Sir,-

With reference to that part of your letter of the 13th inst. in which you say that you write to let the Department know that on Feb. 2, last, you were elected chief for the Oremocte reserve, and you wish to know what powers you have to suppress intemperance on the reserve, I beg to say that, while under the Indian Act you have no particular powers, it is certainly your duty to assist as far as you can in the suppression of intemperance or in the abatement of any other evil.

After the appointment of a new Agent to take the place of your former Agent, Mr. Farrell, the matter of intemperance on your reserve can be taken up.

The Department was of course aware of your election as assistant chief or councillor, as it confirmed the same on Feb. 16, last.

Your obedient servant,

Tom Lean
Secretary.

Mr. Dennis J. Jacobie,
Councillor,
Oremocte,
Sunbury Co., N.B.