

Ottawa, 12th July, 1904.

Rev. Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant dealing with the propositions laid before you in my letter of the 23rd June with reference to the future responsibility for the management of the Regina Indian Industrial School. The conditions laid down in the first section of the letter above quoted cannot be altered or waived. The state of the finances of the school is chargeable to the management and the Department must look to you for the final statement of the deficit in order that there may be no doubt that when the obligations are discharged they are discharged in full. The Department cannot accept any responsibility in ascertaining or presenting a statement of the deficit. The necessity for the examination of the books, which was undertaken last fall, to ascertain the financial standing of the school was due in no part to the absence of regular annual inspection but was necessary by reason of the very large deficit which had accrued since the demise of the former Principal. You will observe by reference to your letter of the 17th February 1904 that the Department did not ask for the presence of a third person at the investigation just mentioned. The rules and regulations of the Department of which you ask a definite statement are well known to the management of the school as all calculations of the per capita rates have been made under these rules and regulations. The full
per capita

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