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Ottawa, 3rd March 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that the following Indians of the Fort Alexander Band have applied through the Agent at Fort Frances for transfer to the Couchiching Band. The reasons given for the transfer is that they have relatives living on the Couchiching Reserve and that they can get work better there than at Fort Alexander.

The reason given that they have relatives at Couchiching is not sufficient excuse for leaving Fort Alexander.

The Department understands and judging by the names on the pay sheets it would appear that these people have more relatives at Fort Alexander than at Couchiching.

As to being able to get work better at Couchiching the Department thinks that if they devoted more attention to farming and stock raising at Fort Alexander, it would be more profitable to themselves and families to remain where they are now.

The Department would like to have a report from you with regard to the applicants, their present condition and whether in your opinion it would be to their advantage to leave Fort Alexander. You should also give their Band numbers.

I may add that the Department will henceforth consider transfers only on very good grounds.

Your obedient servant,

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