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Ottawa, 2nd November, 1904.

Sir,-

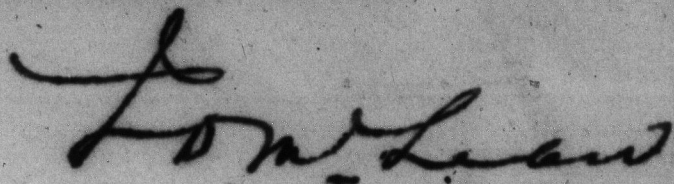
Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, No. 139/5, I have to say that the letter which <sup>you</sup> mention as having been received from this Department without a date should have been dated the 22nd September last.

The only trail of which the Department has had information across the Assiniboine Indian Reserve is the one dealt with in the said letter.

The position you take to the effect that the public should not be allowed to cross a fenced enclosure merely to avoid a reasonable detour is evidently correct.

The general question of road allowances across Indian Reserves in the Northwest Territories has been recently brought to the attention of the Department by the Territorial Government. A question in connection therewith has been submitted for opinion to the Department of Justice. Should any decision be arrived at with regard to roads, you will be duly advised.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Secretary.

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