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Ottawa, February 7, 1920.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo reporting that Elizabeth, daughter of Jack Simon of Lytton band, is pregnant and that she places the blame on Frank Dick, I beg to say that if this girl was under the age of fourteen when the offence was committed the offender could be proceeded against under Section 301 of the Criminal Code, as you infer. If the girl is between the ages of fourteen and sixteen and was of previously chasted character, the offender could be proceeded against within one year from the time the offence was committed, under the provisions of Section 211 of the Criminal Code. If the girl was under fourteen years of age with no relatives to advise or help her, I think it would be advisable for you to lay an information against the offender.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

E.McLeod, Esq., Acting Indian Agent, Lytton, B.C.

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