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August 14, 1924.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th inst. with reference to sanitary conditions on the Sydney Indian Reserve.

In reply I wish to say that the disgraceful conditions you refer to are due only to yourselves and the absolute disregard by the Indians of even ordinary sanitary precautions.

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This Department has expended public funds annually on your reserve in order to keep it in a sanitary condition and if the members of the band were to exercise ordinary self respect and decency there would not be cause for complaint.

I would appreciate the co-operation of yourself and the members of the band in this matter and if this is given, there need be no cause for criticism by your neighbors.

Yours very truly,

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B. S. Christmas,  
Indian Chief,  
Sydney, N. S.

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Deputy Superintendent General.

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