

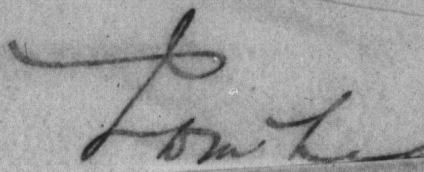
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Ottawa, February 17, 1909.

Sir,-

In reply to your communication of the 13th instant, No. 3488, in regard to application of Dr. McKenzie, of Fort Frances, to be given information as to prospecting for minerals on Seine River Reserve, No. 25A, I beg to say that the Department is not prepared to give permission to prospect on Indian Reserves in what was formerly known as the disputed territory, until final confirmation of these reserves by the Ontario Government.

Your obedient servant,

  
Secretary.

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