

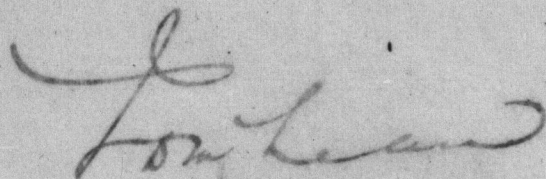
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Ottawa, 20th January, 1909.

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Sir, With reference to your letter of the 7th instant, with enclosure, regarding the proposal to erect a sidewalk through the village of the Bella Coola Indians, towards which you recommend the Department to contribute \$500.00, I beg to say that there is no appropriation from which such an expenditure could be made. These Indians have, however, \$819.75 at credit of their Trust Fund Account, and if they pass a resolution authorizing the expenditure of therefrom of the amount necessary to build the sidewalk the Department will take into consideration the question of allowing the expenditure. It is observed that the total cost of building the side-walk is placed at \$600.00.

Your obedient servant.

  
Secretary.

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