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Ottawa Nov. 22nd, 1910.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 13th Oct. last I have to request you to inform me whether the Hopkins drain therein referred to was originally constructed under a Municipal Act as it appears that in that case the Municipality can take action to have the drain put into working order without a petition being submitted to the Council.

I may say that there will be practically no difficulty as far as the Indian Reserve is concerned, but as the water will be brought on to the Reserve and has again to be taken off it, it appears necessary that the proper action should be taken under which the white owners of lands benefited will pay their share of the cost of the work and of the survey.

In the event of the said ditch not having been constructed under the authority of a Municipal Act kindly ascertain whether the owners of those lands outside the reserve which will be affected by the improvement of this drain will be willing to pay such sums as may be assessed against them.

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Your obedient servant



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