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OTTAWA 28th October 1898

Rev. Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant in further reference to the Roman Catholic school on the Garden River Reserve and in reply I beg to say that although the Department considers that its offer to place your school upon the same footing as regards salary as the day schools in Manitoba and the North West, which are paid at the rate of \$3 per quarter for the average attendance of every pupil over 25 up to a maximum of 22 making a maximum of \$504 per annum, was quite fair and just, it will however, agree to pay at the rate of \$500 per annum so as to ensure the salary of a second teacher, contingent upon the present standard of the school being maintained and Mr Agent Van Abbott has been so informed and instructed to make out his requisitions accordingly in future.

This arrangement is to date from the beginning of the current quarter.

Your obedient servant,

Rev. G.A. Artus, S.J.

Garden River, Ont.

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