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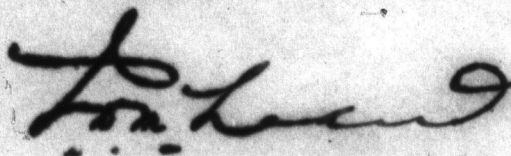
Ottawa, Sept. 16, 1908.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. with further reference to the subject of the election of councillors for the Lac Seul band.

In reply I beg to say that, while it is true that a general Order in Council was passed in May, 1899, applying the three-year elective system to all bands in Ontario and the other older provinces, it was really through oversight that the west part of Ontario within the limits of Treaty 3 was not excepted in the Order in Council referred to, but, as you are aware, the Department has not hitherto applied the three-year system to Indian bands within Treaty 3 any more than to bands in Manitoba or the North West provinces or territories. Consequently the Lac Seul band being in Treaty 3, the Department does not desire that any change should be made in regard to the system of appointing chiefs and councillors for that band, and the term of office may remain as heretofore, for an indefinite period. You will, therefore, govern yourself by this letter, instead of by the Department's letter of the 29th ult.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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