reason there was no occasion to refer to these cases in the explanations accompanying the revised voters! list sent to Agent Comire on the 10th inst.

Secondly, as explained in the letter referred to, the name of Joseph Dauphinais was added to the voters' list on revision by the Department at Ottawa, because on looking up the records it was found that, having been born fifty years ago of an Indian mother, a member of the band, he is a member of the band, the law at that time having so provided, and the provision of the law now in force making it necessary that the father must be an Indian in order that the children may be considered Indians not being retreactive. It may be added that from correspondence on file it appears that previously to a certain date Dauphinais was recognised as a member of the band, but at the date referred to the Indian agent then holding office struck his name off the list of members of the band without authority from the Department,

Samuel Watso were added to the list because, as mentioned in the letter of explanations to Agent Comire, under judgment No.5515 of the Superior Court of Lower Canada, dated Dec. 11, 1911, given by the Hon. A. A. Bruneau, these men, in common with their sisters and minor brothers, have been legitimatized for all legal purposes.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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