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# Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

In your reply refer to  
No. 31/9  
and date of this letter and  
address  
Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

Winnipeg, 23 Oct. 1902.



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Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th. instant calling my attention to your letter of the 14th. August last, relative to Mr. Agent Jones' recommendation that Councillor Francis Drever, of John Smith's Band, be deposed from his position for drunkenness; and in reply to state that I had written Mr. Jones for further particulars on the conduct of Drever and I was waiting for his reply to make the report asked for, but so far he has failed to answer my letter. However, in view of the representations made by Mr. Jones in his letter of the 31st. July last, I beg to recommend that Drever be deposed. As the Band only numbered 136 souls at the last annuity payments, and it has now one Chief and three Councillors, I would also recommend that the position be left vacant for the present.

Your obedient servant,

*D. Laird*  
Indian Commissioner.

The Secretary

Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

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