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Office of The Inspector of Indian Agencies,
South Saskatchewan Inspectorate,

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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Balcarres, Sask., Oct. 18th 1910. 190

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Ref.: *John* Your Letter 190, No.

Sir,

For some time past it has been my intention to bring the following matter before the Department, and to see if some better and more satisfactory arrangement can not be made with regard to the admission of Ex-pupils to the File Hills Colony.

At the present time we have about nineteen thousand acres on Peepeekesis reserve, subdivided into 80 acres farms, or in other words, about two hundred and thirty odd plots. Of this nineteen thousand acres of land, less than five thousand acres are under cultivation at the present time, although about twice this amount is taken up and is rapidly being brought under cultivation. This would leave about ten thousand acres of the subdivision open and unused. Up to the present time admission to this Colony has been made through a vote of Peepeekesis Band, which of course includes all the male voting Indians of the reserve. At the beginning there was not much difficulty in getting the applicants admitted, but of late there has been quite a lot of opposition, and as these Indians, particularly those of the Colony, are seeing the results of their farm work, they are naturally less inclined to admit others, in whom they

The Secretary, have
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