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# Indian Commissioner

for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories,

Winnipeg,

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In your reply refer to

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Hon. David Baird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg, Man.

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Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 2nd. instant, I beg to say that the boy mentioned is Frank Natahwayninis, No. 152, of the Regina Industrial School, whose discharge was recently authorized. This boy was allowed to come home to the Swan Lake Reserve last summer to break land and help his father generally. The then Agent at Portage La Prairie made a recommendation that this boy be given specific help by the Department, a copy of which was sent to the Department, on the 17th. of March last and receipt acknowledged on the 22nd. of the same month. In this letter I was authorized to purchase a waggon, harness, etc., for this boy and also to give him a team of horses on loan, upon which I immediately notified the Agent, although I do not know that he has taken any action therein.

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Nearly three weeks after I had authorized the Agent of the help the Department would give him, namely the 13th. ultimo, ~~he~~ <sup>Frank</sup> wrote to me that he wished to join the File Hills Colony, but as matters were in such an advanced stage, I did not see my way clear to try and alter the arrangement made. I wrote a letter to him, a copy of which is enclosed.

I have, of course, no objection to his being transferred to the File Hills Colony, if the Department chooses to cancel its authority for the purchases to be used by him at Swan Lake, and direct me to ask the File Hills Band to receive him into their number.

Your obedient servant,

Indian Commissioner.

Secretary,  
Dept. Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa

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