

Indian Industrial School

at Red Deer Alta.

Feb. 19th 1917. 1

The Secretary,

Department of Indian Affairs,

Ottawa Ont.



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Dear Sir:-

The authorities of The Methodist Church in Alberta are considering placing Mr. F.J. Dodson, who for some years has been school teacher at this institute, on one of our Indian Missions in the capacity of Missionary Teacher. He will be the only man locally in charge of the mission so we wish to give him all possible powers. Will it be possible for him to perform the marriage ceremony among the Indian People among whom he works? Is this matter under the control of the Department Of Indian Affairs, or is it controlled by the laws of the Province in which the Indians concerned live? You will understand of course that Mr. Dodson is not an ordained minister of our church. If this matter is within the Jurisdiction of The Indian Department, the Church authorities ~~may~~ may at a later date request this right for Mr. Dodson.

Yours Truly,

J. P. Woodsworth.
Principal.

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