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Ottawa, 23rd. June, 1908.

Sir:

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th. instant relative to the engagement of Indians as an attractive feature of the coming Dominion Exhibition at Calgary this summer.

The reason the Department made no special reference to that Exhibition was that it understood it was an inter-provincial matter and covered by the representations recently made to the several provinces.

In so far as concerns any attempt to secure a leverage through the Dominion grant, you will see from the attached copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture that that apparently can not be done, and the Department fails to see what further steps can be taken.

I send you herewith copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Manitoba, which seems satisfactory, but may add that the Department is surprised at the statement that there has been no ground for complaint for five years past.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Frank J. Edley
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg.

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