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Ottawa, May 22, 1906.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in which you say that Messrs Faquette, Riville, Lagrave and others, want to know whether they are or are not members of the band, their votes having been contested at the last election (in January, 1906) on the ground of non-membership.

In reply I beg to say, first, that, as you are quite aware you ought to apply to your Agent, Mr. Coniro, for such information, instead of writing direct to the Department; secondly, that it is rather strange that you should allow an interval of more than two years to intervene before taking up this matter, instead of doing so at the time of the election.

I may add that in his report Mr. Coniro did not mention the fact that the votes of any of the Indians whose names you give had been contested; consequently this is the first advice of the fact that the Department has received, and you will therefore have to apply to Mr. Coniro for the information that you desire.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Mr. H. Masto,  
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