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Ottawa, 20th May, 1902-

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 9th Instant, I have to say that the Department cannot indorse any action that may have a tendency to relieve the Indians of the duty of performing their fair share of labour on the public and other roads passing through or abutting on their Reserve.

The labour above referred to, very properly may include labour on sidewalks, or on any other ordinary improvement on the roads.

Your obedient servant,


Secretary-

A.O. Bastien, Esq.

Indian Agent,

Jeune Lorette,

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