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Ottawa 5th November 1902-

Sir-

I beg to inform you that Mr. Johnson, of the Mohawk Band, called at the Department to-day, in connection with the distribution of disturbance money for last Season, paid under the Lease of the Artillery Range, and represented that under the Resolution of Council of the 14th March 1902 Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Bardy, Mrs. Jack O. Brant, Israel Moses, James Moses and Alexander Moses did not receive sufficient compensation, that Solomon Hill and Chief Daniel H. Maracle received too much compensation, and that L.A. Green and Seth S. Brant were not entitled to receive any compensation.

As to the basis on which the division of this distribution money should be made, it is claimed by Mr. Johnson that the same should be divided equally among those entitled to receive compensation, on the ground that those members of the Band who have a large number of stock get more benefit from pasturage on the plains than the poorer members, who only have a few animals pasturing thereon, and that it is unfair to give the larger amount of compensation money to those receiving the greater benefit from pasturage.

It is thought that the contention made by

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