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Ottawa, 18th Jan., 1912.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that by an Order in Council of 15th instant you have been appointed to succeed Mr. Hamilton Todd as Indian Agent for the Chipewas of Christian Island, with salary at the same rate, viz., \$500 a year and with the magisterial jurisdiction prescribed by the 161st Sec. of the Indian Act over the county of Simcoe and the islands in Georgian Bay.

Mr. Todd is being instructed to hand over to you all books, papers, &c., connected with the agency.

The agency consists of Christian, Hope and Beckwith islands, but the Indians are located only on Christian Island. In order that the Agent for these Indians may be in a position to give his best attention to their requirements, a residence has been provided for him on Christian island, and you will take up your abode there as soon as possible. The Department particularly desires that these Indians be taught to look to the soil to yield them ample return for their labours and that they become convinced that there is no way in which they can become as independent and prosperous as by farming and stock-raising, and you will be required to give them practical advice and instruction in the various operations of ploughing, harrowing, seeding, fencing, draining, gathering of crops, the erection of buildings and the keeping of them and their premises in repair and good order; also the caring for and housing of their cattle.

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