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December 5th, 1918.

Dear Mr. Woodsworth -

Your letter of November 25th, last, addressed to the Secretary reporting on the influenza epidemic at the Red Deer Industrial School, has just been brought to my attention.

I regret very much that your institution should have been so severely visited, and especially do I regret the deaths that have occurred, and I wish to extend to you my sympathy.

I quite realize that the accommodation at the Red Deer Industrial School is not what it should be, even under ordinary conditions. Of course under such extraordinary circumstances I appreciate the lack of proper facilities.

As you are aware all our work in connection with our educational institutions has during the past four years been greatly curtailed, owing to there being no appropriation for any extensive expenditure. I hope, however, that before long we shall be in a position to resume more active work.

I trust that the staff and the rest of the pupils have now fully recovered.

If you will forward the account for the burial of these four Indian children in the Red Deer Cemetery which, under the circumstances was unavoidable, I shall see that payment is made.

Yours very truly,

WFM
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[Signature]
Deputy Superintendent General.

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