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OTTAWA 28th October 1896

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Department agreed to pay the teacher of the Gardes River R.C. School at the rate of \$3 per quarter on the average attendance during the quarter over the number of 25 and up to an average of 42 pupils, such arrangement to take effect from the 1st July last.

For September quarter the average was 38.50 which would entitle this school to \$115.50 for that quarter, a Cheque for which amount has been sent you. The Department has again had this matter under consideration and has finally concluded to pay this school at the rate of \$500 per annum so as to provide for the salary of a second teacher, contingent upon its present standard being kept up.

In future when making requisitions for this school you may ask for \$125 per quarter.

Your obedient servant,

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