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Ottawa, October 23, 1917.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 21st instant, which reads as follows,- "I respectfully request your department to my sending my girl age thirteen years to public school Prince Albert P.H. Gentleman is trying to prevent this it is the wish of my wife and myself to give our girl a good education".

In reply I beg to say that Section 1 of the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children provides that, "All Indian children between the ages of six and fifteen shall attend a day school on the reserve on which they reside for the full term during which the school is open each year, unless excused for the reasons hereinafter mentioned".

Sub-section A of Section 3 of the Regulations exempts the parents or guardians of a child from the penalties of the Regulations if the child is under efficient instruction and, if you are prepared to send your daughter to the public school at Prince Albert at your own expense, the Department will not object to your doing so. She must, however, be a regular attendant at this school or she will come under the provisions of Section 1 above quoted.

Previous to the receipt of your telegram it was the intention of the Department to write you in regard to the petition signed by yourself and other Indians of the John Smiths Reserve, asking for another teacher to replace Mr.

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