

121698/47

Ottawa, May 27, 1907.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. in which you say that you have suspended Chief Côté for drunkenness subject to the approval of the Department.

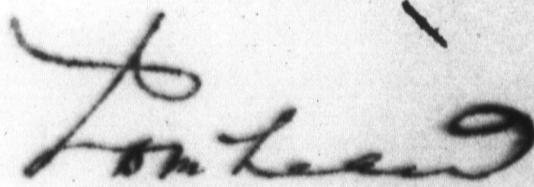
In reply I beg to say that the Indian Commissioner was informed on the 23rd inst. that Chief Côté was deposed by Order in Council of the 15th inst.

In connection with this matter I have to inform you, first, that no Indian Agent has a right either to depose or suspend a chief or councillor without first receiving authority from the Department, secondly it is a rule that all Indian Agents under the supervision of the Indian Commissioner shall communicate with that officer in all matters relating to the appointment or deposal of chiefs or headmen, and not directly with the Department.

In the present instance the Commissioner had recommended the deposal of Chief Côté.

Your obedient servant,

W.G. Blewett, Esq.,  
Acting Indian Agent,  
Kamsack, Sask.

  
Secretary.

Indian Affairs, Letterbook,  
20 May 1907 - 11 June 1907, (R.G. 10, Volume 5166)

Poor Copy

PUBLIC ARCHIVES  
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES  
CANADA