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Ottawa, September 3, 1913.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 1st ultimo enclosing Mr. Dillabough's tender for stove and furnace coal for the Ojibway schools I am to say that it is noted that Mr. Barnes' and Mr. Dillabough's prices are about the same for furnace coal for the village schools, one being \$7.75 and the other \$7.45, whereas Mr. Mitchell's for furnace coal for the village schools was \$8.00. If Mr. Barnes will meet Mr. Dillabough's price you may divide the order for the village schools equally between them.

Mr. Mitchell stated \$10.00 for the schools on the reserve, whereas Mr. Dillabough's price is \$8.00 a ton and Mr. Barnes' \$7.75 and \$7.45. Mr. Mitchell's price appears to be too high and for the St. Lawrence and the Bush schools if Mr. Dillabough will reduce his price to meet Mr. Barnes you may give one school to each.

It may be that Mr. Barnes' prices will not hold good as they were quoted for the months of June and July. However, the matter will be left in your hands to make the best arrangements possible. All this coal should be weighed in the presence of Mr. Swann, the Constable, and you will be good enough to look after the matter. The usual amount should be purchased, 25 tons of furnace coal.

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