Ottawa, March 26th., 1920.

432,017-7.

Sir,-

I beg to transmit herewith copy of a letter of the 17th March, which the Department has received from Tepowewe of the Witchekan Lake Band. You will observe that this Indian states that no payment of hay dues was made to the Indians of the band in question. This statement is not understood in view of the fact that the Department sent cheque No. 6545 for \$166.50 (hay dues) for distribution to the Indians in question, which cheque went forward on the 31st December last. I may say that I shall be glad to receive an explanation from you in this matter.

You will observe that the Indian above named has signed himself as Chief of the above mentioned band, but when writing you on the 34th instant (F. 385,536-1 A) that it was stated that in view of the small number of Indians belonging to the said band "it would be impossible for the Department to recommend the appointment of Tepowewe as their Chief".

Your obedient servant,

