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Ottawa, June 24th., 1910.

Reverend Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd. instant in which you ask for the proof of the statement which reads as follows- "It is reported that the general usefulness of the institution suffers from this arrangement" I beg to say that every report received from our Inspectors since the arrangement in question went into operation has drawn attention to the fact that your frequent and long absences from the school were detrimental to the efficient management of the institution. As constant changes in the staff always tend to produce friction, I have to draw your attention to the fact that since April of 1907 you have had at least four Assistant Principals and that the present incumbent of the office is about to sever his connection with the school. It is not possible that you could delegate your authority as Principal to an Assistant Principal unless he be a very exceptional man and from the rate of pay which you have been allowing your Assistants it may be judged that they are not highly qualified. Such changes in the staff would also seem to indicate that the Assistant Principals themselves did not find their position congenial, although there is no direct evidence that such is the case.

These remarks are of course made without prejudice but owing to the fact that the Inspectors and other officers constantly draw attention to the situation at Brandon, it was thought advisable to bring the matter to the attention of the Rev. Mr. Redmond, the

Rev. J. Fortier,
Principal,
Indian Industrial School,
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