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DISTRICT OFFICE.

Weymontachingue,

Via La Tuque.

7th October, 1912.



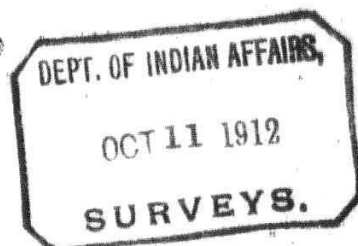
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SUBJECT Cou-cou-cache & Weymontachingue
Indians.

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J.D. McLean, Esquire,
Assistant Deputy & Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Dear Sir,-

I have interviewed the Chief of the Weymontachingue band with regard to the matter of surrendering the Reserve here and taking one further north, and he emphatically denied that he had made any representations to your Department, but he also stated that he believed that the Indian Missionary, the Rev. Joseph Guinard, desired them to leave Weymontachingue as it was too near the Transcontinental Railway, and the receiving of liquor from the men on construction work was a thing of common occurrence. The Chief therefore believes that whatever representations were made to your Department were made without the knowledge or sanction of the Indians at Weymontachingue or Cou-cou-cache.

Personally I had never heard of this matter and I am of the firm opinion that they desire to remain here. It would be to the Indians' benefit, and, incidentally, to mine, if they were to remove back from the line as the influence exerted on them by the class of people working on the line is, to say the least, demoralising. A telling illustration of this comes from Cou-

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