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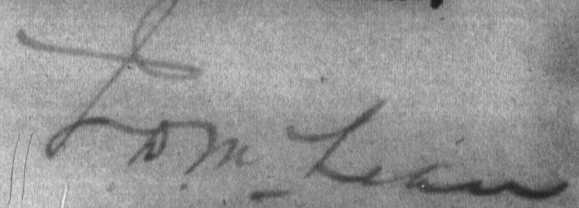
Ottawa, July 14, 1905.

Sirs,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. protesting the recent election for chief and councillors of the River Desert band on the ground that two members of the band under twenty-one years of age were allowed to vote and that another was not permitted to cast his vote.

In reply I beg to say that these charges will be investigated by the Department.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

Simon Otjik, and other Indians,  
Maniwaki, Que.