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Ottawa, May 12, 1908.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., enclosing a communication from the principal of the Fortney Industrial School in further reference to his application for a grant for the erection of new buildings at that point, and in reply I beg to say that, as you were previously advised, the Department is not ~~prepared~~ at the present time to provide for the expenditure necessary to carry out the improvements asked for by the Principal.

Your obedient servant,


 Secretary

J. E. Powell, Esq.

Indian Superintendent,

Victoria, B.C.