

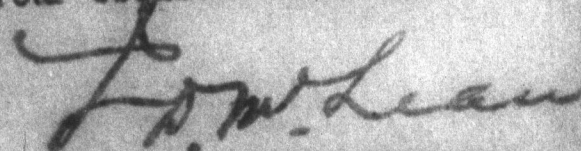
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Ottawa, 9th December, 1916.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, with which you forwarded copy of a resolution passed by the Chippewa Council of Saugeen to the effect that in the event of any members of the Saugeen Band, who enlisted for military service overseas, being killed in action, their names shall remain on the Band's pay-list for a period of ten years; and in reply I beg to say that the Department does not approve of the resolution in question. It is desired, however, that you will inform the Indian Council and the Indians in general that if any of the men from the Reserve, who go overseas, are killed while in the service of the Empire, the Department will favourably consider a resolution passed by the Band towards providing assistance for their families, provided the said families are left in destitute circumstances. I may say that it is not anticipated that there will be need for such action being taken in view of the liberal arrangements made for the payment of pensions to the families of deceased soldiers.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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