

Ottawa, August 11, 1911.

Sir,

I beg to confirm the following telegram sent you today:- "Department advised there is difference of opinion re Skeshegwaning School site. Place chosen must be central and it is considered that site selected on main road in village near Church is most suitable. Apparently no good grounds for Chief's objections. You will see that building is placed there. Answer."

The Department is in receipt of a communication written on behalf of several of the Indian householders in which they ask that the school be more centrally situated and that it should not be placed where the Chief desires it among the locations to the north of the village. This appears quite reasonable to the Department and in view of this fact the above telegram has been sent you.

In regard to this matter it would appear that there has been considerable friction between the factions in the village as to the location of the school and this is a matter that should have been taken up by you with the Department in order that there might be no delay or trouble when the question of building was finally decided upon. The location of a building of this kind is of supreme importance.

It is to be hoped that the erection of the building will

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