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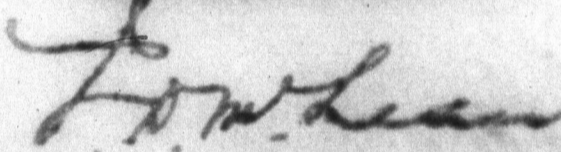
Ottawa, May 22nd., 1917.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 9th April, I beg to say that the Department does not deem it advisable to assist Indians in removing from Tuft's Cove to Spring Brook, as there is a demand for unskilled labour at fair wages at Dartmouth, adjacent to Tuft's Cove, and therefore, Indians resident at the latter place who are willing to work should be able to secure employment quite as readily as they would do if at Spring Brook.

You should urge the Indians generally to secure work, in order that by their labour they may earn a fair livelihood. They should not apply to the Department for assistance when they are able to support themselves. All Indians who are able-bodied and in health should be independent and should not at any time seek aid from the Department, particularly when as at present there is a demand for labour.

Your obedient servant,



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