Ottawa, March 10, 1909.

Sir,-

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst., inclosing applications from Miss Isabella McIver and Mr. Geo. R. Jones for the position of teacher at the Sydney Bay school.

With reference to these applications it is noted that Mr. Jones wishes only a temposrary engagement. It is the wish of the Department to obtain, if possible, the services of a teacher who will continue in the work, if satisfactory, and before further considering Miss Molver's application, it would like to know if it is her intention, should she receive the appointment, to remain for some time in the school.

Owing the fact that this school has remained closed during all of the ourrent quarter and also that it may be necessary for the same reasons to close it again for a time next winter, the Department would like to have it kept open during the whole summer. You will be good enough to ascertain whether Miss McIver would be willing to teach

during the time of the usual summer vacation. The Department will pay at the rate of \$350 per annum. Be good enough to reply as soon as possible.

Your obedient Servant,

