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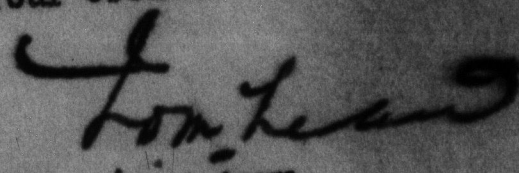
Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. with reference to the complaint made by Mrs. Pocha to Mr. Talbot, M.P., that undue severity was meted out to her son by the principal and staff of the Red Deer Industrial School, together with signed statements made by the principal and members of the staff regarding this case, and in reply I beg to say that Mr. Talbot has been informed that Mrs. Pocha's version of her son's treatment is not borne out by the investigation and that the punishment was apparently deserved.

In your report you have omitted to touch upon Mrs. Pocha's statement that the boy had been kept a close prisoner at the barracks in Calgary, though crippled with rheumatism, and that his health was being ruined by the confinement. It would have been well if you had advised the Department on this point.

As Jesse Pocha is nearing manhood, the returns showing that he is about eighteen years of age, it would be well to have him discharged as soon as suitable arrangements can be made, as the evidence submitted shows him to be a most undesirable pupil to retain in the school.

Your obedient Servant


Secretary.

J.A. Markle, Esq.,

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