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Ottawa, October 23, 1917.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo in reference to certain trouble which you state you are having with the Grains, who are not sending their children to your school.

In reply I beg to say that a telegram has just been received from James Crain asking for permission to send his daughter to the public school in Prince Albert. To which the Department has replied that, if he is able and willing to send his daughter there, without any expense to the Department, no objection would be raised to his doing so, but it is to be distinctly understood that she is to attend there regularly, or she will come under the provisions of section 1 of the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children and have to attend your school.

Crain is also being informed in regard to the petition sent in by him and some other Indians for a change of teacher that the Department is not prepared to grant their request and that it disapproves of the constant bickering.

While the Department recognizes that you and your wife are working in the interests of the Indians, it would be well if you would use a little more diplomacy in dealing with them.

Mr. Inspector Crombie and Mr. Agent Schmidt will also be written to.

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Your obedient servant,  
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