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Ottawa, 29th December, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 4th November, I beg to say that the Department has caused very careful inquiry to be made with respect to the parentage of Charles and Napoleon Provost. It is learned that these young men are the sons of a Frenchman and "Crowface" an Indian woman of the Peigan Reserve. There were five children in the family and none of them were born on the reserve, although their parents lived adjacent to it. The Department notes your recommendation that these young men be received into membership with the Peigan Band. It is not, however, thought advisable to take such action. The Government has already defrayed the expenses of their education and in doing, it is considered that they have been fairly dealt and it would seem to be a mistake to accept them into membership with the Band.

The Indian Agent has been told that the young men should be made to leave the reserve, but that the Department might in the future be prepared to grant them some assistance. For your further information I give the following extract from a letter addressed to Mr. Yeomans in this matter:-

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Indian Schools,
Winnipeg, Man.

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