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Ottawa, 24th June, 1912.

Sir,

Having reference to your letter of the 18th instant, No. 3067, on the subject of the friction at present existing between the Pemberton Indians and the officials of your Department, I have to say that in so far as the Indians are concerned this friction would appear from a letter received from Mr. W.E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian Agencies, to be due to the fact that they are of the belief that they are being deprived of rights which they considered had been conceded to them.

The Indians claim that when the hatchery was established on the Birkenhead Stream, some eight or nine year ago, they were given to understand that this would in no way affect them in the matter of obtaining all the fish they would require for food purposes, and at the same time they might have all the spent fish at the hatchery which would save them the trouble of catching a great number. The Indians further state that they understood they would never be debarred from taking fish from the Birkenhead below the hatchery fences, and it would appear that for some four years after the establishment of the hatchery the Indians were allowed to take fish from the Birkenhead.

In connection with the claim of the Indians to prior rights on this Stream, the Inspector calls attention  
The Deputy Minister,

Department of Marine and Fisheries,  
Ottawa.

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