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Ottawa, March 22, 1916.

Reverend Sir,-

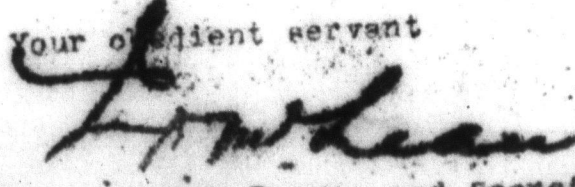
I have to refer you to your letter of the 31st of January, last, in which you made application on behalf of William Windahbance, of the Sheguiandah Band, for the admission of his daughter Esther to the Chapleau Boarding School.

In connection with this matter I beg to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a communication from Mr. Agent Lewis, of Manitowaning, in which he protests against the sending of this girl to your school. He states that the father is a big, strong, able Indian, whose home is not over 200 yards from the day school, where there is a good teacher and only 12 children in attendance, and that if the Department allows these children to be placed in residential schools, it will be only a matter of a short time until the day school will have to be closed.

The Department is disposed to agree with the agent in the matter of further recruiting from the Sheguiandah Band and, therefore, considers that this girl, Esther, should remain at home and attend the day school at that place.

It is presumed that she has not yet entered your school, as no application has been received for her admission, and if this is so, you are to take no further action towards having her brought to your school.

Your obedient servant


 Assistant Deputy and Secretary

Rev. Geo. Pfever,
 Principal,
 Chapleau Boarding School
 Chapleau, Ont.

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