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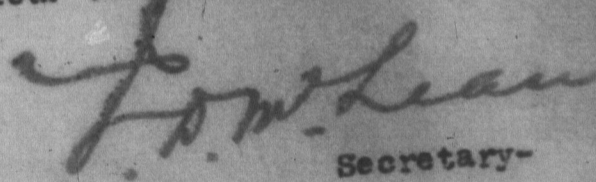
OTTAWA, 2nd December 1902-

Gentlemen-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Ultimo, relative to the claim of Rebecca Monture to the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 5, Range 3, Caradoc, and in reply to inform you that it appears that the above property was at one time occupied by Joseph Nicholas, who died in 1877. Whether he conveyed it to his son John Nicholas in his lifetime is not established, but it is shown that some time prior to his death he had left the property and the Muncey Reserve, and the land was and now is in occupation of John Nicholas. Joseph Nicholas, by Will dated 1870, left the land to his son and Rebecca Monture. At the date of his death, Rebecca had ceased to be a member of the Muncey Band and had by marriage become a member of the Oneidas of the Thames. Under the law, as it prevailed in 1877, the devise in her favour could not take effect by reason of her not being a member of the Band, on whose Reserve the land lay.

Upon the facts shown, therefore, and in view of the possession by John Nicholas for twenty-five years, it is not considered that any case has been shown requiring investigation.

Your obedient servant



Secretary-

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