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Ottawa, March 20th., 1908.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 2nd. January last enclosing communication from Inspector Green, and your previous letter of the 17th December with enclosure from the Anglican Bishop of Caledonia; I have to inform you that it has been decided to be in the best interests of the Department and of the Indians to close the Industrial School at Metlakatla. There are but few children in attendance and the Church authorities have stated that they cannot afford to continue the school on the present per capita grant. If further work was to be done along this line at Metlakatla the Department must in the near future incur a large outlay from capital account for more commodious buildings. It has, therefore, been decided to provide for the education of the children of the Village at an efficient and well-equipped Day School.

You may inform the members of the staff at Metlakatla that they will be granted three months' leave of absence, with pay, from the 1st. of April.

You should instruct Inspector Green to visit Metlakatla at once, take a careful inventory of the property, transfer to the Day School such material and supplies as can be used with advantage in its work, and to sell the rest by public auction after proper advertisement. Mr. Green should make a statement of the finances of the Institution at the day of its closing, and should present the Department with a statement of assets and liabilities as well as of receipts and expenditures, showing the indebtedness of the School to individuals. It is the intention of the Department to pay the actual deficit at the time of

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