

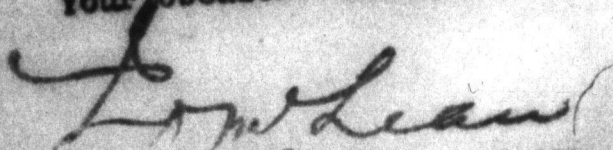
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Ottawa, 13th February, 1917

Sir:-

The Department has received the report made by Inspector Tyson relative to the Garden Competition held at your Agency in 1916. The report is on the whole disappointing. It was hoped that the Indians in general would have been more successful in the work in question. An impression seems to prevail that it is necessary to hold an exhibit of the vegetables and fruit grown in order to consider the question of the award of prizes. This is a mistake. If it is not possible to hold an exhibit of the vegetables and fruit at the local school or at some other convenient place, the work done by the Indians should be judged while the vegetables and fruit are in the gardens. It is hoped that you and those associated with you in this matter will take a greater interest next year in the garden competition, and will endeavour to make it a success. It is important that the Indians shall be trained to grow vegetables and fruit and thereby increase their food supply and provide a wholesome diet. The fishing work which they carry on should not be neglected for the cultivation of the gardens, but it is thought that with judicious management it should be possible to carry on both industries successfully.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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