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Ottawa 9th December, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, in which you make application for payment of salary to Mrs Sarah Back, organist at the Roman Catholic Church, I have to refer you to the resolution of Council passed on the 6th November refusing to vote any assistance to the Methodist Church on Cornwall Island, either for organist or caretaker. The St Regis Band is made up of Roman Catholic and Methodist Indians, and consequently the payment of salaries to persons officiating at either churches out of moneys belonging to the band as a whole is not considered just. The better way is for a collection to be taken up from members of the Roman Catholic faith to defray the salary of the organist and caretaker of their church, and for a similar course to be followed by the members of the Methodist Church who should pay their own organist, etc. If both bodies are alike independent no friction will arise.

Your obedient servant.



Asst. Deputy & Secretary

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