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11th July.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the following proposal, of the Honorable the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, on the subject of Indian and Metis in that Province and their instruction by the Public School Inspectors of the Province, have been recommended by the Dykes Board, and I have to request that you will at all times give the Public School Inspectors for the District in which your School is situated admission to your School, and allow him

To John Gordon

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to examine the pupils, and furnish him with all the information required by him in respect to the measures in which the school is conducted.

1. The teacher will require to have a speaking acquaintance with the Indian language, and are consequently likely in most cases to be Indians; but the instruction should, as soon as practicable and as far as possible, be given in English. The reason for this is not far to seek, since it is mainly in connection with their dealings with Whites that education will be of advantage to the Indians.

2. Teachers should receive their Certificates from the County

as District Board of Examiners,
 who choose to grade directing
 power as to the height of
 attainments required; it will
 be found however, for some
 time to come that the standard
 of "High School Entrance" will
 be quite as high as is
 attainable.

3. The subjects of study
 in these schools and not at
 present ranges beyond those
 of the I Book in our Public
 Schools, viz: Reading, Writing,
 Object Lessons, Elementary
 Drawing, (from Cards)
 Elementary Arithmetic, (in
 the four simple Rules)
 Elementary Geography, (the
 maps of the World and
 Dominion

Dominion of Canada)
 Shilling, and Hammer,
 (formation and analysis
 simple sentences).

4. The Indian Department
 should furnish all text books
 and apparatus given in
 the schools.

5. The schools should be
 placed under the inspection
 of the ^{County Inspectors} in conjunction
 with the Indian Agent, who
 should together also have a
 controlling influence in the
 selection of teachers. A fee
 of (say) five dollars (\$5)
 per visit should be paid
 the Inspectors, and legitimate
 travelling expenses allowed
 for two visits per
 annum

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Your Student Lovers.

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of Incl. Affs.