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10th Nov, 3.

Rev Sir:-

Your letter of the
3rd Ultimo in reference to
previous correspondence
about the irregular attend-
ance of pupils at the
Shingwauk and Wawanosh
Homes at Sault St^e Marie
has been brought before
me since my return from
the North West, and in
reply I beg to state:-

1st That while it
is apparent that every
pressure ought to be
brought

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brought to bear by the
Department upon the
Indian parents, in order
to secure a more regular
attendance at the Schools
and a better return for the
expenditure incurred on account
thereof; and the Department
has already, repeatedly, im-
pressed upon its Agents
the urgent necessity for
their bringing their influence
to bear upon the Indians,
in order to insure this much
to be desired end; yet the
proposition that the annuity
money of the Indians should
be levied on for fines to be
imposed for non-attendance
at

at School, cannot properly
 be complied with, inasmuch
 as our Treaties with the
 Indians — in virtue of which
 they receive the annuities — do
 not contain any stipulation
 that would warrant the
 Department in making such
 deductions.

Truly With regard to
 a thorough Government inspection
 being made of both day
 schools and industrial
 institutions, I beg to inform
 you that the Government of
 Ontario has consented to
 undertake the inspection
 of all Indian schools
 in the Province, and to
 forward

forward to the Department
 from time to time reports
 of their Inspectors relative
 to the same; and if there
 has been any failure on the
 part of the School Inspector
 for the Algoma District
 to visit and inspect the
 Indian Institutions of Sault
 Ste Marie, I should be
 glad to be advised of the
 same in order that communica-
 tion with the Ontario
 Government may be immediately
 opened up on the subject.

3rdly As regards the
 system of rewards which
 you think might tend to
 stimulate the pupils to
 increased

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increased exertions, I beg to inform you that, upon being furnished with a list of such articles as in your opinion might be offered as rewards to the pupils at the Institution under your direction, the Department will take the matter into consideration. The articles should not, however, be of an expensive nature.

4^{thly} With regard to the names of the children who are entered as pupils at your Institution, it appears to me that, by your communicating with the

the Agents for the Reserves from which the children come, their proper names could be very readily ascertained. The child should of course have its own Christian name and the surname of its father, whatever that may be; or, another plan suggests itself to me: that before the children are sent to your Institution, it would be well for the intending pupil to obtain from the Indian Agent a note to you containing his name in full.

I shall shortly take
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up to the suggestions made
by you in a previous com-
munication relative to the
future manner of conducting
Industrial Indian Institutions.
Your suggestions have been
forwarded to the Principals
of other Institutions, with
a view to obtaining their
opinions on the same, and
until recently all the
replies had not been
received. They are now,
however, in the hands of
the Department, and the
matter will receive consider-
ation at an early date.

I am, Rev. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

~~Wm. McKim~~
Deputy of the Supt. Genl. of
Indian Affairs.