

246210/1

Ottawa, May 14, 1919.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 12th instant, which reads as follows,- "Advised by Indian Agent New Westminster letter rec'd from Dept. offering me Homalco school surprised promise return of Sliammon per Department letters twenty-fifth April nineteen sixteen thirtieth October nineteen seventeen file 246210/1 ignored why prefer temporary occupants at Sliammon before a returned soldier who looked to Sliammon as a certainty when they have no children and Homalco is unsuited for education my children am idle awaiting confirmation of promise made please wire answer".

In reply I beg to say that, while you are correct in stating that you are entitled to again take charge of the Sliammon school, should you wish to do so, the Department was simply carrying out the expressed desire of the Indians in wishing to retain Mr. Marsden there and in suggesting that you should take the school at Homalco you were being offered a position equal to the one at Sliammon.

As, however, you are not satisfied to accept the suggested change, you may again resume your duties as teacher at Sliammon as soon as Mr. Marsden can be transferred to Homalco, say at the end of this month, and Mr. Agent Byrne will be instructed to have the change made by that date. As complaints have been made of your habits in the past, your retention in the position will be dependent upon your giving satisfaction in the future.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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