

Translation

## ASSOCIATION INTERPROVINCIALE

## WATCHING OVER OUR SCHOOLS

Vonda, Sask., July 4, 1918

The Deputy Minister,  
Dept. of Indian Affairs,  
Ottawa.

I am informed that at the Duck Lake Indian school, which school is under the control of the Rev. Father Delmas, not a word of French is taught to the Indian pupils.

The management of the school assures us that orders have been received from the Department to this effect.

If this is true, and it certainly seems to be so, we must protest against a circumstance which is above all a flagrant violation of the Act of Union. This school is subsidized by the Federal Government, and is only maintained thanks to the subsidies from the Federal Government, and as the French language is certainly still an official language, it has in this case the same right to be taught and spoken to the little Indians as English.

We hope that orders will rapidly be sent to this effect, and if it is otherwise, we would have to bring the matter before parliament through one of our friends.

Hoping for an acknowledgment, we remain

Yours truly,

L'Association Interprovinciale

Signed: Raymond Denis  
Secretary