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Dear Sir:

I have read with great interest and profit your excellent book on the history of Saskatchewan. May I trouble you with a few queries? I am engaged upon a study of the Sioux Indian leader, Sitting Bull, whose career in Canada you have sketched so ably. It is my intention to write the man's life, and to do so in a final manner makes it necessary for me to scan all existing records on which I can lay my hands.

I shall be very happy to give you full credit for any help you may give me.

I am particularly anxious to obtain further information as to Louis Le Gare, and his negotiations and relations with Sitting Bull north of the boundary. As you may know, American accounts of the surrender of this chief give all the credit to citizens of the United States, and I wish to present these facts in their true light. I happen to be a Rhodes Scholar, and no student of Indian affairs in this country can help groaning when he sees how much better you in Canada managed the red men. I intend to point the contrast in my book.

I have observed the names of certain persons mentioned (on the pages noted) in your book who had to do with Sitting Bull. Can you advise me where to find records of these men in their relation to Sitting Bull? Where are the records of the Northwest Mounted Police, and to whom should one make application for the privilege of consulting them? These are the names:

Gabriel Dumont...page 182
Assistant Commissioner (Major) Irvine.....page 184
Rev. Father Abbot Martin....page 185
Commissioner MacLeod page 185
Inspector (Supt) Walsh....page 186
A.R. MacDonell (Mtd Police, Wood Mountain)..page 189
Louis Le Gare....page 189.

Can you tell me where the Saskatchewan Herald was printed, and where files of this paper may be found?

I shall be most grateful for your assistance, on these- or any other- points.

Faithfully yours,

(Prof.) W. S. Campbell
("Stanley Vestal")