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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle, Pa.

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Reply to letter of 27th
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Black Bear.

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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., March 29th, 1897.

Hon. W.N. Hailman,
Supt. of Indian Schools,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th inst. marked "Superintendent 1118-97 " in regard to the qualifications of Samuel Dion, a former pupil of this school, as a shoe and harness maker, I have to say that he is a very good shoe repairer, and can do excellent work in making shoes under direction, also harness, but that I do not consider him of sufficient mental capacity to conduct a shop satisfactorily.

Samuel is trusty, an excellent laborer always obtaining good wages when in the country, was a long time janitor for the school building and did well. He can drill and manage boys very well.

Thomas Black Bear is a graduate, class of 1894, and has been employed as a day teacher. While here he was of excellent character, and a good workman at his trade of shoemaker, and an all around trusty young man. It does not appear from any records we have that Thomas ever worked to any extent at harness making.

Very respectfully,

R.H. Gratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

Per

A. J. Standing

Asst. Superintendent in charge

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