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Raymond Lightfoot, 54, Assistant Area Director for the Minneapolis Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was named Area Director for the Minneapolis Area Office today by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Louis R. Bruce.

An enrolled member of the Michigan Band of Chippewa Indians, Lightfoot replaces Owen D. Morken, who retired in January 1971.

Lightfoot was born at Fort Thompson, S. Dak. After he completed a course in Business Administration at Nettleton College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Lightfoot, joined the Bureau in 1937.

He has been in responsible administrative positions in the Aberdeen and Navajo Area Offices and at Cherokee Agency, in North Carolina. He has been in the Minneapolis Area Office as Administrative Officer and Assistant Area Director for 11 years.

In making the announcement the Commissioner of Indian Affairs said: "He is one of our most able Indian administrators. He has had wide experience throughout the Bureau. He has always had the confidence and respect of the Indian people, the Indian tribal governments, and the Indian organizations with whom he has dealt."