

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

376-24-94

Sir:-

Reference my number #8276-24-94 dated August 17th, 1932, re grazing permit on the old Dundurn Forest Reserve, for stock belonging to the members of the White Cap Sioux Band, residing on Moose Woods Reserve. I have the honour to enclose herewith copies of letters addressed to, and received from the Department of National Defence, Regina, Sask.

During the year 1933 I applied to the Department of National Defence for a grazing lease which was granted free of charge.

In 1934 I did not make a formal application but the Indians used the land for grazing and re-arranged their fence as requested by the Department of National Defence (Militia Services) as stated in their letter attached hereto, Section 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ -16, All 17, and 18, S $\frac{1}{4}$ -19, and Section 20 in Township 34, Range 5, West of 3rd, are now under the control of the Department of the Interior, I would ask that these lands be reserved for grazing purpose for the Indians stock only.

The Indians inform me that last autumn certain parties from Saskatoon brought out a large number of sheep which they kept on the northern portion of the lease, where the grass was damaged, being eaten (cropped) off close to the roots. The Indians were told by the parties who looked after the sheep that that they had permission from the Government to keep them there, hence the reason why the matter was not brought to my attention until this spring. They, the Indians, thinking I knew of the matter.

As stated in my #7744-24-94 of February 5th, 1932, we have not sufficient land on the Indian Reserve for grazing. If we cannot continue to use the lands mentioned above we will have to reduce our herd and if this should have to be done the Indians will be unable to provide for themselves as well as they did in the past, which will mean assisting them or direct relief, which I would be most sorry to see take place.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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C.F. Schmidt,
Indian Agent.

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