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Ottawa, 10th February, 1916.

Sir:-

The Department is in receipt of a letter dated the 26th ultimo, from Lewis Charlie of the Soda Creek Band in which he complains that the doctor appointed to attend Indians of the reserve fails to respond to calls made upon his services.

The following is an extract from his letter:- "The doctor we have will not come when we send for him. We sent for him just now as one woman was very sick and he would not come the woman is liable to die and then the Whites will say why is the Indians dying so fast we even go to call him at his house and he would be away every time".

Dr. W.R. Feare who was appointed to office on the 14th July, 1913 as medical attendant to Indians, is required under the terms of his appointment to visit the Soda Creek Indians, as well as certain other Bands, in return for a salary of \$600.00 a year. Copy of the letter appointing him to office is transmitted herewith. You will observe therefrom that he was informed that it was his duty to visit each of the reserves at regular intervals (and also to attend at the Williams Lake Boarding School) and that he is expected to respond to all calls brought to his notice by you and to respond to calls to the reserve by the Indians. He should also give office attendance. The Department desires a report from you without delay as to whether Dr. Feare is performing the work assigned to him, and also whether the Indians had just cause for complaint.

It is observed that the last report received from

Isaac Ogden Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Lac la Pêche, B.C.

Dr.

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