

Ottawa, 1st December, 1902-

Sir,

Mr. Magnus Begg, Indian Agent, Crooked Lake Agency informed the Department on the 27th ult. that on account of the height of the water on the Leech Lake Reserve, the usual quantity of hay had not been cut this year. He stated he thought the North West Govt. should have a survey made, with the view of ascertaining what may be done in the way of drainage, and that he had written to that Govt. on the subject.

He now states he has received a reply to the effect that the question of having the said survey made will be considered next Spring.

If this matter is acquiesced in by this Department it will probably be called upon to pay a portion of the expense of constructing the drain, for which it may be necessary to put an item either in this or next year's Estimates.

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Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner
Winnipeg
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