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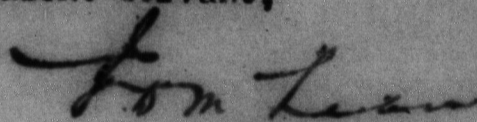
Ottawa, 3rd October, 1904.

Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I beg to say that the Department is fully aware that some of the Indians of the Sarcee Reserve are prepared to take cattle on the loan system and the Department has no intention of departing from its policy in this respect. Mr. Inspector Markle reported in June last that Mr. McNeill informed him that a number of young men of the Band had asked him for cattle on loan and the Department approved of loaning as many of the 500 head to Indians who would properly care for them. The remaining cattle will constitute an Agency Herd and the Department hopes that it will be so managed that the increases value in a few years will be equivalent to the original cost of the venture. As the Indians at the Blackfoot, Blood, Peigan, and Stony Reserves contribute towards the expenses of the cattle industry the Department fails to see why the Sarcee Indians should not do likewise.

The cost of the Fence Herders and Stockman is considered a fair charge against Grazing dues.

Your obedient servant,



The Hon. D. Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

Secretary.

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