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Ottawa 18th June, 1908.

Sir,

With further reference to Mr H. Martineau's case, I beg to say that the matter has again been given careful consideration. The statements contained in letter of the 11th May, which Mr Martineau addressed to you on the subject, have been examined, with the result that the Department feels that it could not with justice alter the decision already communicated to you and to Mr Martineau in regard thereto. Mr Martineau has gone back five years in making out his statement, but there are no accounts to show that he paid the amounts claimed. The Department's Inspector has pointed that when the matter was first being looked into he visited the Touchwood Agency and found Mr Martineau short \$2029.20. He owed the Massey-Harris Co \$1182.24. This money he collected from Indians from the sale of cattle and produce. When the time came for settling the Indians' accounts he issued cheques on the private bank of D.H. McDonald & Co, which cheques were dishonoured (these cheques I may remark are in the Department), which goes to show that the money collected was misappropriated. The Guarantee Company paid these accounts.

Hon. Philippe Roy,  
The Senate,  
Ottawa.

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