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report it will be seen that, with the exception of one or two cases, there was nothing in any of the charges laid by Mr. Christie for the Indians, that warranted him in going to the length that he did. He could have learned all the information from personal interview with the officials had he chosen so to do; and the only deduction to be arrived at it that he had some particular object of his own in view to obtain. It may have been that he saw a way of getting some "easy money" from the Indians, for it was shown at the various meetings that the Indians had been paying him, though they would not admit how much they had given him. That, no doubt, will come out later as an aftermath. At Salmon River Mr. Christie's motive was shown not only to get money from the Indians, but also to have installed on the reserve, the woman with whom he has been living for close on to twenty years.

I am of the opinion that Mr. Christie's influence among the Indians in the past has been very destructive to the Department's policy. I am pleased to think, however, that this has been destroyed to a very large extent for the Indians have now begun to see him in his true light, for as one of them said he spoke with a "forked tongue." I believe, however, that he should not be tolerated to go on an Indian reserve again, and that the Agent or Inspector would be warranted in prosecuting him if he does so, for it cannot be considered that by allowing him to mix with the Indians in the future will be for their benefit.

all of which is respectfully submitted. Very truly,
 Felix Coeur

Your obedient servant, and page that

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I may say that by a perusal of this

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