

be furnished to Jos. Perley. This recommendation is noted with surprise in view of the disposition which this man made of the seed which he received last year. It is also observed that you recommend that ploughing be done for Indians who have horses, some of which animals were purchased by the Department to aid the Indians in farm work. The Department is at a loss to understand your attitude in this matter, and desires to be informed what explanation you have to offer in regard thereto. No assistance will be allowed Jos. Perley and ploughing will not be done for Jas. Deveau, Frank Francis, Matthew White or Frank Solise, or other Indians who have horses.

The Indians of the Edmundston Reserve have good farms and there is seemingly no reason why they should not have grown sufficient seed last fall wherewith to do their seeding this Spring.

You may expend up to \$450.00 in assisting Indians of the Tobique and Edmundston Bands this Spring, but under no circumstances is the amount stated to be exceeded. In giving out the seed, you should discriminate, and only those persons who are likely to make good use of seed are to receive it. You should see personally that a good quality of seed is supplied, and you should visit the Edmundston Reserve and make the seed issues yourself, as the Department is satisfied that last year a poor quality of seed was issued to the Indians of that reserve.

The seed should not in any instance be given out until the applicant therefor has his land prepared for sowing.

When you send in the accounts for the seed, you should submit a statement showing the name of each Indian assisted, and the kind and quantity of seed which he received.

Your obedient servant,

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