

Ottawa 21st November, 1918.

Sir:-

Referring to letter to you of the 20th October and your reply of the 1st instant, relative to the money sent you where-with to make distribution of interest money to the Chippewas of the Thames for the half year ended 30th September, I beg to say that when you were told to make payment at "an even per capita rate" the Department wished you to understand that each member of the band is to receive the same amount of money. You should divide the amount of money which you received by the number of persons to be paid and pay all alike. The head of each family should be paid his own share, his wife's share and the shares of all his minor children.

Collections which you make for seed should be shown in your cash book, and an entry of each collection should appear in the interest pay-list opposite the names of the individuals from whom the money is collected.

You should not issue official receipts for payments for seed. The money should in each case be retained from the amount of interest payable, and returned to the Department with explanations. Collections for seed should not appear in your revenue return.

Your obedient servant.

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