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Indian Agent's Office,
The Pas, Manitoba,

January 10th, 1923.

Sir:-

Referring to letter 531062-A of the 3rd instant, respecting the use of seaplane in making treaty payments, I have the honor to suggest the following dates for payments, including those already proposed.

June 4th	pay Pas Band
" 5th	leave the Pas and pay at Moose Lake on arrival
" 6th	" " Moose Lake " " Chemawawin " "
	returning home on the 7th June.
" 8th	leave The Pas and pay at Cumberland on arrival
	the Pine Bluff people belong to this tribe and
	come in to Cumberland with little effort so I
	would not think it necessary to take the sea-
	plane to Pine Bluff.
	Return to The Pas on the 9th June.
" 14th	Pay Shael Lake Band via canoe or launch route
" 15th	Pay Red Earth Reserve " " " "
July 11th	Pay Nelson House via sea-plane route
" 13th	Pay Split Lake " " " "
" 16	Pay Port Nelson " " " "
" 18th	Pay Churchill " " " "

This appears to leave a month between local and coast payments, the reason is that the trappers do not get into northern posts until July so it is useless going in June. The local Indians stay home until treaty payments and then come to town to work in the mill, so we pay them early to let them get away to work.

I think \$10.00 for clerical assistance would be sufficient to allow the Medical Officer in any Reserve where the numbers are less than 200, in 1922 he was allowed \$50.00 for Split Lake and Nelson House. Of course the doctor has not been consulted on this, but I can get the teachers of the schools or the missionaries to act as clerks without any trouble. When we come home I have to do the work of making out the copies of pay-lists in any case, but I require a witness at time of making the payments, that is about all any clerk is on annuity trips and \$10.00 looks pretty good to a school teacher or missionary, and they would appreciate any help of this sort. If the Department thinks this suggestion suitable and it is mentioned in next letter please do not let appear as if I made the suggestion or the medical officer might think I was passing him up on a chance to make money. He can be attending to his medical work

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