

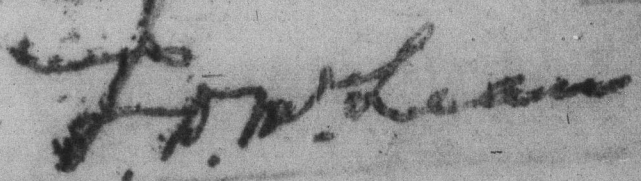
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Ottawa, 19th March, 1915.

Sir:-

With reference to that portion of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you ask whether the Department will supply seed grain this Spring to Indians of the Okanagan Band, owing to the fact that last year crops were largely a failure; I beg to say that the Department is prepared to assist those Indians of that Band who are desirous of sowing their land and will prepare the same, but have no funds wherewith to procure seed, but if the assistance is given it will be upon the distinct understanding that the Indians are to make refund in the Fall, either in money or in kind for the seed received. When their crops are harvested, each Indian should pay to you an amount equal to the value of the seed he received, or he should hand over to you the same quantity of seed which was given him. In this way the Indians will be trained to independent and self reliant habits. You should encourage the Indians to cultivate their land and impress upon them the necessity of carefully caring for their crops while growing, and also the need of harvesting them in due course. If they need any instructions with regard to their farming work, you should advise them.

Your obedient servant,



J. R. Brown Esq.,  
Indian Agent.

Secretary and Secretary.

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