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Ottawa 2nd December, 1902.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I have to inform you that cheque No 2339 for \$725.00, which was sent you on the 18th instant, was issued in payment for

- *1 E Peerless separator with 16 ft raddle stacker,
- *1 12 Horse Power Mounted,
- *1 Extra 9 ft Rod & Knuckle\$725.00"

The above was supplied for the Duck Lake Agency, and the account for the same is dated Winnipeg, 18th September, 1902. The account reached the Department through the Indian Agent at Duck Lake.

When the cheque was issued all possible information was embodied therein, and the Department is at a loss to understand why the information furnished was not sufficient for your requirements. Cheques drawn in a similar manner are constantly being sent out in payment of accounts from other firms (many of whom have like your firm Agencies in different parts of the country) but they apparently have no difficulty such as you have experienced in tracing the payment. As, however, you appear to be unable to credit the proceeds of the cheques which you receive under the system followed the Department will in future make an exception in your case, and write a special covering letter with each cheque issued in favour of your firm.

Your obedient servant.

The Massey Harris Co., Ltd,
Winnipeg, Man.

L. W. Lean
Secretary.

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