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Ottawa, 16th July, 1892.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letters of the 7th and 8th instant respecting the small-pox epidemic.

In reply I beg to inform you that immediate steps should be taken to vaccinate such Indians and young children as have not yet been vaccinated, or on whom previous operations were not successful. Whenever the disease appears, the stricken ones should be isolated and strict quarantine should be established. Such care and assistance as it may be possible to extend should be given to infected Indians; and on recovery, or in case of death, steps should be taken to disinfect the houses, and all clothing and bedding used by the patients should be burnt. Due attention to economy should be observed, and vouchers submitted for payment of outlays incurred on account of small-pox should not contain any other items of expenditure but that which are strictly in connection with the epidemic.

With respect to your letter of the 8th and that part of your letter of the 7th which refers to the taken possession by the Municipal authorities of a building on the Saughees Reserve to be used as a pest house, I beg to inform you that, as stated in my telegram to you of the 9th, the Dept. approves of your action in this matter.

A.W. Vowell, Esq.,

Indian Supt.,

Victoria, B.C.

Your obedient servant

Acting Dy. Supt. Genl. of Ind. Affrs.

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