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Ottawa 24th June, 1903.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, the contents of which have been noted, I beg to say that the Department has always administered the Muscowpetung Herd Account as if it were part of the Indian Trust Fund.

With regard to the proposal to use the proceeds of the sale of the surplus beef steers for the purpose of fencing in a pasture field for the cattle on Muscowpetung's and Pinpot's Reserve, I beg to say that there is no objection to such a course being followed, provided that the Department is convinced that such expenditure is advisable and necessary. Funds from a similar source, to the extent of \$531.00, were in March last used to purchase wire required in connection with fencing on Muscowpetung's Reserve. This was done upon the recommendation of the Agent.

Before taking any action as to the division of the Herd you should transmit to the Department the information which you have acquired from Mr Agent Graham, accompanied by your report. The Department will, after receipt of full details, decide what shall be done in the matter. You should also deal with the question of herders quarters, as it will be necessary to repair them if the herd is to be retained.

At any time when the steers are ready for the market Mr Graham may submit such a proposal as to the sale and the disposal of the proceeds as he did in his letter of the 31st January 1903 (which dealt with the proposed purchase of wire)

when the matter will be given consideration here. Correspondence upon such subject should be addressed by the Agent to

The Hon. D. Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,

Winnipeg, Man.

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