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Ottawa, May 3rd., 1920.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 19th ultimo, with enclosure; I beg to say that the Department is prepared to make a grant of \$500.00 this year to the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia, in order to assist in making the Exhibition to be held by the Society a success. The grant is given upon the understanding that Indians will be admitted to the Exhibition without charge.

With a view to encouraging the Indians, particularly those residing on remote reserves in your agency, or adjacent agencies, to take an interest in exhibiting at the Fair and working toward that end throughout the period intervening between now and the time of the Exhibition, the Department is prepared to assist Indian exhibitors by paying freight charges on such exhibits as you consider worthy of being sent to the Fair.

It is observed from the letter which you forwarded from the Manager and Secretary of the Exhibition, that the Association purposes to extend this year the accommodation hitherto provided for Indians, and I beg to say that the Department desires that you will interview the Manager of the Fair with a view to making all the necessary arrangements in the interests of the Indians. When the grant is required, a voucher for the amount thereof, should be submitted to the Department.

In this connection I have to refer you to official letter of the 17th March last, relative to the Exhibition to be held at Vancouver, in which letter attention was drawn to arrangements made by the Manager of the Prince Rupert Exhibition toward inducing Indians

to
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Indian Agent,

New Westminster, B.C.

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