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Ottawa, March 1st., 1920.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th ultimo, with which you forwarded a communication from the Rev. Principal, of Ermineskin's Boarding School, in regard to the case of Jimmy Headman, an ex-pupil of the said school, who desires assistance towards engaging in farming; and in reply I beg to say that the Department hereby authorizes the purchase of a waggon, rake, and set of harness, for this young man, upon the understanding that he will sign the regular ex-pupil agreement with regard to repayment of the cost of the outfit over \$125.00, one copy of which agreement should be forwarded to the Department.

With respect to the estimate of cost of the waggon, etc., required, I beg to say that \$175.00 is regarded as a very high price for a waggon and, therefore, it is assumed that the said price covers the cost of a box for the waggon. There should be no necessity for the Department to purchase a box for the waggon. When Jimmy Headman starts to farm and requires a box, he should be able to purchase or make one himself. The estimate (\$75.00) for harness is regarded as high. A good set of harness should be purchase at a more economical price. Before you make the purchases above referred to you should obtain quotation of prices from the different dealers, and you should purchase from the firm which quotes the lowest prices for suitable articles. The prices quoted, together with the names of the firms who furnish the same, should be submitted to the Department, when accounts are sent in for payment.

Yours obedient servant,

L. J. ...
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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