

is used up beyond repair. He is trying hard to live independently of Department rations and has earned a good deal freighting for the missions and for traders during the past 12 months, and in order to continue this work he requires a new waggon. In addition to his freighting he puts up about 40 tons of hay annually. On the whole he is a progressive Indian and deserves encouragement and as the waggon was required to help me to get the oats freighted from Edmonton I trust the Department will approve of my having allowed him to get the waggon without first referring the matter for consideration.

I am sure that the Department does not overlook the fact that owing to the infrequency of mail to and from this Agency there are at times matters arising which require to be dealt with before there is time to get the authority which I would otherwise wish to ask for.

I have the honour to be
 Sir
 Your obedient servant
 W. L. H. Hall
 Indian Agent