

Ottawa, October 30th., 1925.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to your letter of the 2nd December 1924, relative to the transfer of Chief Big Foot and his Band of Sicannie Indians, of Fort Nelson, from the Fort Simpson to the Lesser Slave Lake Agency, and to state that it has been discovered that the following families were paid annuities by you in 1924, and that Mr. Agent Harris also paid them at Fort Nelson, viz:-

No. 9 Sackatla	7 persons
" 11 Zedah	7 "
" 12 Hoho	5 "
" 25 Galyase	5 "
" 26 Nidellie	6 "
" 35 Nayeta	4 "
" 36 Tache	4 "

It is observed also that you paid the following families which were given new tickets, viz:-

No. 39 Widow (no ticket)	4 persons
" 40 Old Man (no ticket)	4 "

You should report whether these people were actually living at St. Johns when you entered their names on your pay-list and state what evidence you had that they desired to be transferred to your Agency. You should also ascertain (if you have not already done so) the names and ticket numbers under which Nos. 39 and 40 were formerly paid at Fort Nelson. If these people were not previously paid by Mr. Agent Harris you should report where they came from.

I have also to inform you that Mr. Harris discovered this year that No. 9 Sackatla had been paid by you in 1924 and refunded the sum of \$35.00, which he had left for this family at Fort Nelson.

I may add that Mr. Harris again paid the following families this year at Fort Nelson, viz:- Nos. 9, 12, 25, 26, 35 and 36. He reports that No. 11 was absent.

Your obedient servant,

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