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Ottawa, March 4th., 1916.

Sir,-

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, in which you state that you did not try any cases in 1915 under the Indian Act, I have to request that you will report as to whether there were any infractions of the clauses of the Act with respect to the use and supplying of liquor.

I have to refer you to a letter of the 9th February 1915, addressed to you by Mr. B. C. Bracewell, City Clerk of Penticton, copy of which letter reached the Department through Mr. Megraw. In the communication in question Mr. Bracewell stated that certain Indians who are habitual drunkards are continually being arrested by the police in the streets of Penticton. He also stated in that letter that these Indians are able to obtain liquor from a low class of White men. In view of his report it is thought that you should have taken a greater interest in trying to suppress the traffic in intoxicants amongst the Indians of your Agency. You should have made a strenuous effort to have the guilty parties, particularly the White men punished for infractions of the law in this respect, and I may say that it is hoped you will take action along those lines in future.

Your obedient servant,



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