

November 24th, 1939.

Dear Sir:-

1939 Annuity Pay-list.

I wish to direct your attention to the following items in the above mentioned pay-list.

No. 47¹ - Norway House Band.

Peter Walker was paid in 1938 for 1 man, 1 woman, 1 girl and 1 relative. In 1939 for 1 man, 1 woman, 1 boy and 1 relative with no explanation on the pay-list.

No. 328 - Island Lake Band.

Ewert Monias was paid in 1938 for 1 man. In 1939 he was paid for 1 man, 1 woman and 1 boy and 1 share arrears for 1938 with the notation on the pay-list - married girl from No. 132, John Smith's Band and boy born. According to the 1938 pay-list for Duck Lake Agency, the girl was paid there in 1938, therefore, it would appear that there has been an overpayment of \$5.00

It is not clear to the writer why the relative column is necessary in your pay-list. Could the Indians being paid under this heading not be included in the number in family column or possibly given a number of their own. The column you are using for this purpose should be utilized for the purpose for which it was intended, that is, to show the total number of Indians in a Band as this is the only means we have of getting this information.

Absentees should be included in the number in family column and not in the decrease column. The decrease column should only be used for deaths, transfers, commutations and enfranchisements.

Kindly let me have a report regarding these items at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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