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Memorandum.

Mr. Awrey.

It is my wish that you again make the annuity payments to Indians of Treaty 9 whose habitations and hunting grounds are located in the District of Patricia along the western shores of Hudson's Bay and James Bay. I also desire you to pay at Sandy Lake and the Deer Lakes Indians of Treaty 5, as well as the Indians of the York Factory Band who may present themselves for payment at Fort Severn.

Owing to the remoteness of the district, I hereby authorize you to issue the necessary relief to any needy aborigines of the above district, and to make a report on your return upon the economic, sociological and physical conditions of these Cree and Ojibway Indians.

You will be accompanied by Dr. Newbigging who will be under your charge and will be instructed to report all important matters to you before taking any definite action.

I wish also to remind you of the Minister's orders to not permit casual traders to carry on business on the reserve. I shall also be obliged if you will kindly take action to investigate the merits, having regard to the interests of the Indians, of the proposal of the Hudson's Bay Company to establish a beaver preserve, under lease, on Akemiski Island. Furthermore, will you please investigate conditions among the hunting Indians generally throughout the district covered by your trip, and let the department have the benefit of your views as to the best means of giving effect to the recommendation of the Special Game Committee of the Province of Ontario, with reference to restrictions upon hunting and trapping by others than Indians in the Patricia District or parts thereof.

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