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Ottawa, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 1909.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that a letter dated the 11th instant had been received from Mr. Yeomans, in which he states that the young men of the Peigan Reserve have expressed a wish to go more extensively into farming, and have asked that about \$1,000.00 of the Band funds be used for the purpose of purchasing wire to fence grain fields. He states that these Indians are willing to supply posts and do the work necessary in putting up the fence, but have not the means to purchase the wire.

The formal consent of the Chief and Headmen to the project was obtained and has been forwarded to Headquarters. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith. The statement of the matter as made by the Agent differs slightly from the terms of consent, which specify that the necessary posts as well as the fence wire be purchased out of the \$1,000.00.

Mr. Yeomans evidently (although he does not say so definitely) approves of the proposed undertaking, as he remarks that he thinks some breaking ploughs would be of great assistance to the young men who have not the means to purchase their own ploughs and are anxious to take up farming for themselves. He concludes by saying, "A very creditable showing is being made by those who are breaking for Fall sowing".

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