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Ottawa, 21st January, 1914.

Sir,-

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that in March 1910, Dr. D. R. Houston, of Dominion City, was appointed medical officer to the Indians of the Rosseau River and the Rosseau Rapids Reserves. The terms of his appointment were as follows:- "\$20.00 a year for prescribing for Indians who call at his office, and \$5.00 a trip when he visits the Rosseau River Reserve, and \$10.00 a trip when he visits the Rosseau Rapids Reserve."

The Department is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Houston dated the 29th ultimo, in which he asks for increased remuneration. I enclose copy of his letter herewith and I shall be glad to receive a recommendation from you stating what rate of payment you consider would be fair for the doctor's services. Kindly state whether you would advise increasing the allowance at present made the doctor when visiting each Reserve, as well as the office allowance, or whether you would recommend paying him a yearly salary, which mode of payment, it would appear from his letter, he would prefer.

I have to point out that although the doctor places the population of the Indians under his care at about 300, Mr. Logan in his annual report gives the Indian Census as 186. The number of Indians should be taken into consideration when fixing an annual salary or additional remuneration per visit for the doctor.

Your  


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