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Stony Indian Agency.  
Morley, P.O.  
Alberta.  
March 11th 1947.

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Re; Coppack-Crawford Ranches. Labour.

I beg to state that I have made a review of the m/n ranches together with Mr. S. Williams, who I understand is to be employed at the above ranches as supervising Farming Instructor.

Mr Williams and myself visited both places on the 21st of Feb, and interviewed Mr G. Coppack and Mr A. Crawford, in respect of their general farming operations, and condition of the lands being turned over to the branch.

We are presuming at the outset that the policy of the branch will be to employ Indian labour in all field work undertaken.

This will entail 2 (two) Tractors operators for the seeding season and one man for seeder work, the latter can also work as handy man in and around the premises under Mr William's direction.

The rate of wages proposed for the above men is 50 cents per hour, and it is proposed at this stage to employ the above men for the farming season, commencing with the seeding operations of approximately 880 acres, on to summer-fallowing, and it is proposed to break up some land in and adjacent to the Potts place for the purpose of seeding tame hay with cover crop next spring, i.e; 1948. This will be followed up by the working of the fallow and on to harvesting and then threshing.

Man hours for the above operations would be from April 1st to Oct 31st for 3 Indian men and would be divided up as follows:-

April 1 to 30th....	26 days.	3 men,	5 hour shifts,	10 hour day.	780 hours
May 1 " 31st	27 "	" "	" "	" "	810 "
June 1 " 30th	25 "	" "	" "	" "	750 "
July 1 " 31st	27 "	" "	" "	" "	810 "
Aug 1 " 31st	25 "	" "	" "	" "	750 "
Sept 1 " 30th	26 "	" "	" "	" "	780 "
Oct 1 " 31st	27 "	" "	" "	" "	810 "

Total hours 5490 at 50¢ per hour..... \$2745.00

It is presumed that the hog feeding plant on the Coppack Ranch will be continued without let-down, taking over any brood sows and feeder hogs on the place as at April 1st next. If such is the policy, and one which I would recommend, it will entail the services of a good hog man, one with some knowledge of feeding and care, and an Indian to assist in the gristing of feeding, cleaning of feed pens and yards, watering, bedding down and other aligned work.

For the above services it is recommended that the whiteman if employed be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per month, plus House, light and fuel, a total yearly salary of \$1200.00 plus the above. I may say that this is the rate at which Mr Coppack is paying his hogman.

(The possibility of employing Mr Homes Evans, Stockman now employed at this Agency has been considered, but the writer feels that the cattle industry on the reserve deserves his full time services, which I would like to design to include all branding, vaccinations, spraying, supervising of the bull herd, dehorning, altering of calves, distribution of bulls and their supervision while on the range, and the winter care of bulls and Indian cattle that required feeding and care. Supervising all haying operations for Agency and C-C ranches.

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