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Ottawa, May 3rd., 1920.

Sir,-

On the 14th June 1919 the Department asked you to submit a report on the subject of hospital accommodation in the Lytton Agency. You replied under date the 3rd July stating that you proposed to submit the report at an early date, but up to the present it has not been received. The Department desires that you will give this matter your early attention.

Under date the 15th ultimo Mr. Macleod, the Acting Indian Agent, at Lytton, submitted to the Department a letter which he had received from Archdeacon Pugh, in which the latter pointed out the difficulty experienced in financing the Lytton Hospital. This institution, which is paid at the rate of \$1.00 per diem for each Indian patient cared for at the hospital, has earned during the current fiscal year \$1545.00. Payment for June and September quarters to the amount of \$564.00 has already been made, and the Department received under cover of the letter referred to the returns for December and March quarters, payment of which is about to be made.

When reporting on the hospital situation be good enough to state the per diem rate which you consider the Department should allow in future for patients in the Lytton Hospital. I may remind you that the Hazelton and Port Simpson Hospitals are each paid at the rate of \$1.50 per diem, which rate of payment has obtained since the 1st April 1919. A similar rate of payment is allowed to the Bella Bella Hospital. This is the rate of payment made to the majority of hospitals where Indians are cared for. When reporting kindly compare the work which is being done at the Lytton Hospital to that which is being carried on at Hazelton, Port Simpson and Bella Bella. You should also state, as requested in letter of the 14th June above-mentioned, whether it is likely that the Lillooet Hospital will again be put into operation.

Yours obedient servant

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InspectorIndian Affairs. Letterbook,
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