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Ottawa, 17th January, 1912.

Gentlemen:-

With reference to the tender which you submitted for the supply of articles required for Indians, I beg to say that the price which you have quoted for towelling, namely, .83 $\frac{1}{2}$ a yard is the lowest quotation the Department has received, but the sample of towelling which you have submitted is not equal to the standard, and cannot therefore be accepted. In addition to being inferior in quality to the standard you sample is not the proper width. The Department sent you a sample of the standard as stated in letter of the 26th December last. The Department, I may say, can only award you a contract for the towelling provided you supply an article equal in all respects to the standard.

Your particular attention is directed to clause 5 of the tender schedule which reads, "Tenderers are warned that "they should examine standard samples carefully, because the "Department will insist on supplies delivered under contract "as 'equal to sample' being equal to the sample in every r- "spect. All samples are to be seen at the Department of the "Indian Affairs and at the office of the Inspector at Winnipeg, "and at the Inland Revenue offices at Toronto, Montreal and "Quebec. No attention will be paid to a sample of any article "which may accompany a tender, if a standard sample of such "article is on view at the Department of Indian Affairs or at any

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