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Ottawa, 30th November, 1907.

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th instant in regard to the relief afforded to Joseph Jackson, an aged Indian, and in reply I beg to say that the appropriation at the disposal of the Department for the relief of destitute Indians is exceedingly limited, and consequently, the amount of assistance afforded Jackson cannot be increased.

With reference to your request for a coy of the Indian Act, I beg to say that there is not the the Act covering the supply of relief. The matter rests with the Department to furnish such relief as is actually necessary. There are many Indians who have to be afforded relief and all that is possible is done in each case deserving assistance.

I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Indian Act.

Your obedient servant.

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