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Ottawa, 28th October, 1905.

Sir,-

With reference to your pay-lists of the distribution of Robinson Treaty annuity for 1905 to the Indians of your Agency, I have to direct your attention to the following:-

There is a column in the pay-list headed "No. on previous pay-list". This heading is explicit and you should not need to be told that you should be particular to give correctly therein the number of persons paid under their respective band numbers. The following will show that you have been careless in this regard, viz:-

No. 5 Nipissing Band - According to the 1904 pay-list only 5 persons were paid under this number. In 1905 pay-list under the column headed as above referred to you show that 6 persons were paid. You should explain this discrepancy. If there was an increase by birth since 1904, you should have shown the increase under the heading of "Births". If the increase was from another cause it should have been shown in the column headed "Other Cause".

No. 16 Nipissing Band - According to the 1904 pay-list 4 persons were paid under this number. In the 1905 pay-list you show in the column headed "Number on previous pay-list" that only three persons were paid. Apparently there was a decrease which has not been explained in the proper column. You have not been particular in carrying forward the proper number. If as would appear there was a decrease in this family you should state in the proper column by what cause it occurred (whether by death or other cause).

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Explanations