

RESERVES AND TRUSTS



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DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

File 25109-5

INDIAN AFFAIRS
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Ottawa, January 18, 1944.

- The Director -

Re Soldier Settler Patrick Brittain
Duck Lake Agency

It is recommended that the Chief Treasury Officer be instructed to transfer the sum of \$119.94 presently standing as a debit against Patrick Brittain to 'uncollectible' account and in support of this recommendation it is submitted:

The sum of \$310.00 for the purchase of a team of horses was advanced from soldier settlement funds by Vouchers R.S. 73, dated May 27th, 1921 and R.S. 72, dated June 9th, 1921. This man signed no documents securing the repayment of the said sum, the only document on file being an application. It would appear that the advance was made and it was impossible later for the applicant to produce the necessary title on which to base a land mortgage and no chattel mortgage was ever executed. We have therefore no security of any kind. Both horses died within a year of their purchase and there would not appear to be any particular blame that would attach to the soldier settler - he had bad luck. He appears to have returned in cash a total of \$151.22 the last payment having been made on January 31, 1934, at which date the balance payable would appear to have been \$102.34. The discrepancy in the figures is probably accounted for by the legislative reductions in the debt that were authorized from time to time. The present debt in our books, however, stands at \$119.94 which is the amount we recommend be transferred to uncollectible.

The soldier settler, Patrick Brittain is declared
by the Agent to be destitute and any further collection
impossible.

*Agreed
H. W. H. H.*

D. J. Allan
Superintendent, Reserves and Trusts

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