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Ottawa, 17th May, 1910.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant in which you state that the parents of the children returning from the Regina School ask that the annuity money forwarded for be repaid at the next annuity payments; and in reply I beg to point out that there is apparently no reason why, because these children have left school, that their annuity money which is on deposit should be released. The object of the Department in inducing Indians to fund their children's annuity is that when the children come to years of discretion and are about to start out in life for themselves, they may have some money wherewith to make such purchases as will enable them to make a good start towards earning their own livelihood.

If in any special cases you consider it would be well to release the funded money you may submit applications for the same and cheques will issue, but you should, so far as is possible, induce the Indians to allow their children's money to remain on deposit until such time as they (the children) start out in life for themselves.


The Department will be glad if you can induce the parents of the children to allow their annuity moneys to be funded for some years, until such time as the money is required by each individual to begin life on his own account.

your obedient servant,

Thos. Berthwick, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Mistawasis, Sask.


Secretary.

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