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Ottawa 19th May, 1902.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that in consequence of Mr Agent Goodfellow having forwarded on the 7th ultimo, a voucher amounting to \$8.00 in favour of a Mr Vandilder for cutting eight acres of oats for Farmer Anderson at Sturgeon Lake Reserve, the Agent was asked to explain why he could not have borrowed machinery from the Indians or arranged in some way to save the crop without employing outside help. Mr Goodfellow replied stating that there is not a binder or reaper on the reserve referred to, and he added "it would have been impossible to take the crop off by hand in time to escape the frost even if cardies had been available which they were not." I am sending you herewith a copy of the Department's answer to Mr Goodfellow. You will observe that he is being asked for a full report in regard to the nature of the work being carried on by the Farming Instructor, etc.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your obedient servant.



Secretary.

The Hon. D. Laird,  
 Indian Commissioner,  
 Winnipeg, Man.