

13th May, 1884.

FURTHER MEMORANDUM.—Herewith is submitted a letter from Messrs. T. C. Power & Bro., stating that their tender to supply flour at the Piegan Indian reserve was a mistake, and was a tender meant for the Blackfoot Crossing, the figures having been placed, in error, in the wrong column. They produce, to substantiate their statement, their original, retained by themselves, of the tender in question.

Their alleged intention is borne out, apparently, by the fact that the figures they quoted for the Piegan reserve are but little higher than those of the Hudson Bay Company for the Blackfoot Crossing. Thus :—

Hudson Bay Company.....	\$3 12
T. C. Power & Bro.....	3 47

The freight per sack on flour from the Crossing to the Piegan reserve, 108 miles, is \$1.08, which added to \$3.12 = \$4.20, and the bid of the company for the Piegan reserve is \$4.25, which is really the lowest tender, because, as explained by the Messrs. Power, their bid intended for the Crossing was.....\$3 47

To which, add freight to Piegan reserve..... 1 08

As against..... 4 55

Company lowest by..... \$0 30

The Messrs. Power desire to be released from any obligation respecting the delivery of flour on the Piegan reserve.

ROBT. SINCLAIR.

The Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs.

(Telegram.)

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THOS. R. SMITH, Winnipeg, Man.

The following tenders accepted. For Manitoba, Keewatin and Duck Bay. For flour, Treaties four, six and seven, except at Piegan reserve for destitute. For bacon, Treaties four, six, seven, which must be all shortclear, except at Indian Head for destitute Indians. Farmers and annuity payments. For groceries, Treaties four, six, seven, except for farmers. Fort Macleod and tobacco for annuity payments, Indian Head. For ammunition, Treaties four and six. For twine lines and wire for Treaties four and six. For harness, Treaties four and six. For agricultural implements, in Treaties four and six, except harrows, carts and waggons. For tools, Treaties four and six. For hard tack, Treaties four, six and seven ; also axle grease in Treaty seven. Am writing.

ROBT. SINCLAIR.

BRANTFORD, CANADA, 26th April, 1884.

SIR,—We are in receipt of your communication of the 24th of April, which is by no means a satisfactory reply to our inquiries. From your letter it is evident that the heads of Departments at Ottawa know as little about the agricultural implement trade as the Indian agents in the North-West are represented to know.

On examination of the schedules we find the articles required by the Department are :—

- 1 Mower.
- 2 Reapers.
- 2 Horse rakes.
- 8 Waggons.
- 44 Harrows.
- 147 Ploughs.