

OTTAWA, 11 May, 1954.

The Commissioner,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

The Branch has experienced some difficulty in verifying dates of birth of numerous Old Age Assistance applicants, consequently arrangements are being made to hold tribunals for the purpose for Indians in the Sioux Lookout Indian Agency in Northern Ontario when annuities are paid this year.

The regulations require that a tribunal include a representative of the Provincial Government, a representative of the Federal Government and a third member who may be appointed locally at each location. Arrangements have been made for the appointment of a representative of the Provincial Government and Mr. G. Stewart, Superintendent of the Sioux Lookout Indian Agency, who will be conducting the annuity payments, is arranging for the appointment of a neutral member from each community. Difficulty has been experienced, however, in arranging for a suitable representative of the Federal Government and I would appreciate it if you could arrange to detail a member of your force to accompany the party. He would act also as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police escort usually provided to travel with the treaty party.

Attached is a copy of the proposed annuity payments itinerary covering the area concerned. Annuity payments will be made from June 3rd to June 24th, inclusive. If it is possible for you to make a suitable number of your force available for the trip, he should arrive in Sioux Lookout, Ontario, on June 2nd.

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