

OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE FILE 2-10

Cranbrook, B. C., Nov. 25, 1937.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your 182-5-1062 of November 16th, with reference to expense account in connection with the wheat crop threshed on the Lower Kootenay Indian Reserve No. 4 (Bruner Reclamation Area).

May I suggest that my letter of October 1st File 1-10 advised the Department that crop returns from the above mentioned area, approximately 45 acres, yielded 766 bushels of No. 3 Northern wheat and the price quoted was \$1.00 a bushel. Also that the crop was stored in the Midland and Pacific Grain Elevator of Creston pending further instructions. To date I have not received any advice as to what the Department wish me to do with the grain.

Your letter states that this wheat must be sold and a proper adjustment made before the end of the present fiscal year. Do you mean that the grain should be sold at once and the returns forwarded to the Department? This is the information I had hoped to receive in reply to my letter of October 1st.

If harvesting, threshing, haulage, etc.. amounting to \$111.40 is being tentatively charged to seed grain is there any reason why this amount cannot be deducted from the total receipt when the grain is sold and the balance divided equally among the Indians similar to the rental payments they now receive?

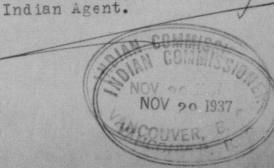
My reply to the last paragraph of your letter can only be that to date I have no authority to do anything with the grain and whatever I may do later must be governed either by such instructions as I may receive from your office or from the Department at Ottawa either of which would be acted upon without delay.

Andrew Irwin,

Yours faithfully,

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