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Ottawa, 4th May, 1911.

Rev. Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 25th March, I beg to say that the Department appreciates the difficulties therein referred to with which you have to contend in connection with the preparation of the Agricultural & Statistics Return required in connection with your Agency.

When making return with respect to the occupations followed by the Indians under your care, you should endeavor to enter them under the respective columns which refer to the main sources from which they derive their livings. For instance, certain of the Indians, no doubt, rely upon hunting, trapping and fishing more than upon the pursuit of industries for a livelihood and, therefore, they should be entered in the column which refers to hunting and trapping etc. Those Indians who raise stock, or who lumber should be shown under the ^{respective} columns provided for that purpose etc.

With respect to your remarks regarding the buildings owned by Indians and your statement that "barns and horse stables on the Reserve mean one and the same thing", I have to inform you that if an Indian's out-building is used for housing stock and storing grain, it may be classified as a barn. If there are any cases where there are buildings used simply as stables for horses or cattle, they should, of course, be referred to under the columns specially provided,

Rev. Angus R. McDonald,
Indian Agent,
Christmas Island,
N. S.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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