

Ottawa, 7th October, 1913.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Inspector Graham's report of his visit to your Agency is before the Department. He has drawn attention to the fact that before you took office the Indians of the Duck Lake Agency were in the habit of killing cattle at all seasons without the authority or knowledge of the Agent, and that you are aware that they must not be allowed to pursue this course. It is important that the Indians should be prevented so far as is possible from unauthorized killing of cattle. You may have to proceed rather slowly in the matter, but should endeavour at all times to keep in view the Departmental regulations, and exercise control as firmly as is possible.

The Inspector has pointed out that the bulls should not have been allowed to run with the cattle since the early spring. It is hoped that you will prevent such a state of things another year.

It is understood that you realize the necessity for winter following a portion of the land each year. Work of this nature should not be neglected in future. You should not only give orders to have the machinery hauled when not in use, but you should see that the employees whose duty it is to carry out the order, fulfil the same.

It is satisfactory to learn that you have issued but a few orders since you took office. The Department does not wish the Indians to be allowed to incur indebtedness which they cannot meet.

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