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Ottawa, 8th June 1909.

Sir,

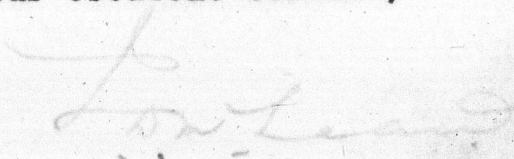
Referring to your letter of the 25th ultimo respecting the weight of bacon delivered by Messrs J.Y. Griffin & Co. it would appear that there was an error on the part of the Contractors in the weights of the Qu'Appelle Station consignment as the shrinkage which took place between the date of delivery at the station and the storehouse on the reserve (for which the Contractors should not be charged) would hardly amount to the difference in the weight.

In regard to the last paragraph of your letter of the 1st instant addressed to the Contractors you are referred to the foot note at the bottom of page 2 of the Tender Schedule which informs Tenderers that "supplies will be received by an agent of the Department at the Ry. Station and receipts will be granted for quantities delivered. Such supplies will be opened and examined after their arrival at the Agency Warehouse and a receipt will then be granted for quantity etc., etc.,

It is obvious therefore that Contractors are entitled to the weight as found upon delivery at the Railway Station. Some allowance therefore should have been made for shrinkage when weighing the bacon at the reserve.

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Your obedient servant,


Secretary

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