

Sir:-

I beg to say that the Department received the voucher amounting to \$182.00 which you submitted in favour of Mr. A.O. Thornton of Woodstock, N.B. for relief supplies furnished to Indians; and in reply I beg to re-enclose herewith one copy of the said account, and I have to draw attention to the charge made on the first page thereof for supplies issued to Mrs. Tomber, as an explanation in regard thereto is desired. Apparently this woman received food issues to the value of \$44.00 and the authority quoted in official letter of the 25th March last. On that date the Department authorized food issues to the value of \$2.50 a week on behalf of Madeline Tomber, an orphan child who resided in the home of her grandmother, but who was later on placed in St. Vincent Convent at St. John, N.B. The food issues made to Mrs. Tomber were given out between the 2nd January and the 27th March. You should explain why the food issues made covered a period of almost three months, and you should state why it was considered necessary to issue the supplies after the girl had left her grandmother's home.

It is observed that there are a number of charges in this account for meat, which apparently was supplied in large quantities. Glass snowdr was also furnished and you have marked on the face of the account that luxuries were allowed consequent upon illness. Glass snowdr is not suitable food for an invalid and cannot be classed as a necessity. You should therefore say why it was furnished.

On the 17th January, 1 lb. fresh pork were supplied at a cost of \$2.30. On the same date 2 lbs. salt herring were supplied and seven days later, viz. on the 24th January, 3 lbs. beef steak and also pork were supplied.

There seems to be a disposition to make <sup>large</sup> issues of meat in the

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