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PLEASE QUOTE
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Miss Kathleen Moodie,
Welfare and Training Service,
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Miss Moodie:

In ref. to Mr. Hoey's letter 41058-2,
dated Feb. 18, re. marketing of Indian
baskets.

With this letter I am sending express collect one basket which sells in Halifax for only 10 cents (gross price); also a pick handle which the Indians of Fisher's Grant Reserve sell to merchants in New Glasgow for \$1.50 a dozen. The merchants themselves retail them for \$3.00 a dozen, or 25 cents each, which gives them a profit of 100%. Speaking to one merchant the other day, he told me that they would rather not buy them at all as some of these handles warp and consequently a number is left on their hands. I cannot verify this statement: he may be right and he may also want an excuse for justifying his 100% profit. The price for axe handles is the same i.e. \$1.50 a doz.

If you can find a market for the above mentioned articles, you will greatly relieve the condition of our Indians who at the present time cannot find any other kind of work to do.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I beg
to remain,

Your obedient servant,

E. Chiasson
Rev. E. Chiasson,
Indian agent.

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