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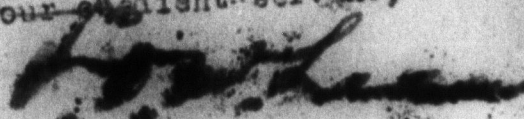
Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith an account amounting to \$29.35 in favour of Dr. W.H.G. Gibbs, of Selkirk, for professional services and medicines to James Sinclair of the Peguis Band, together with a copy of a letter from Mr. Agent Carter submitting this account, and have to request that you will report on this case. You will observe by Mr. Carter's letter that Dr. Gibbs claims that he was the only Doctor available at the time Sinclair took sick, but your account for May shows that you visited Selkirk, St. Peter's Reserve and Dynevor Hospital at the time that this patient was being treated by Dr. Gibbs, and the case should have been taken over by you.

As you are aware the Department's policy is to pay for medical attendance and medicines only for sick and destitute Indians who are unable to provide the same themselves, (see copy of circular letter enclosed). In the case of James Sinclair it is reported that he was and is still working on a boat at Selkirk and consequently it is assumed that he can pay for his medical attendance.

If you recommend payment of Dr. Gibbs' account, you should obtain details of the item of \$25.00 for "professional services" giving the dates and number of visits at Selkirk and Dynevor Hospital and certify to the account.

Your obedient servant,



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 Chief Medical Officer for Indians,
 Winnipeg, Man.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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