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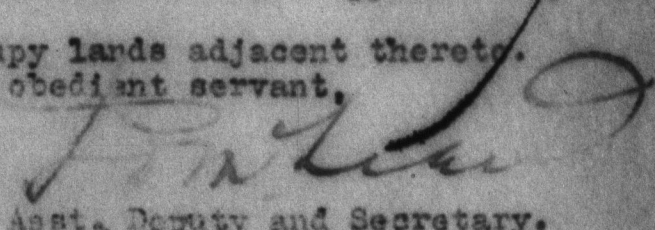
Sir,-

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, File No. 214,121. S.L., relating to the application received by your Department from Mr. M. Bookbinder, of the Hodgson Trading Co., of Hodgson, Man., for permission to erect a store on the S.E. of 29-28-1, W.P.M., I beg to say that a license was granted in the year 1915, authorizing Mr. Bookbinder to trade with the Indians of the Fisher River reserve. Subsequently, however, the Indian Agent, Mr. T. H. Carter, reported that the Fisher River band did not wish Mr. Bookbinder to be granted a renewal of his license, as his sons, who resided on the reserve, and had charge of the store, were dealing immorally with Indian women and girls of the Fisher River band; accordingly the Indian Agent notified Mr. Bookbinder to move from the reserve, at the same time reporting to the Department that Mr. Bookbinder or the Hodgson Trading Company had a business at the village of Hodgson and also just outside of the Fisher River reserve, and that the reports of the actions of his sons, who would have charge of the store on the Fisher River reserve, if allowed, were most unsatisfactory, and it would seem wise to refuse any authority for his establishment on the Fisher River reserve in any capacity.

The objection urged against Mr. Bookbinder being allowed to locate on the Indian reserve would appear to apply to his application to occupy lands adjacent thereto.

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Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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