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OFFICE OF THE

Indian Commissioner,

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES

Circular.

Regina, 10th September, 1883.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that in future, when making out your inventories of Government property, you will only state the articles and their value, which are in your possession at the Agency and the different farms, over which the Government has full control, and upon which the Indians have no lien. Therefore any article given to an Indian, whether under treaty-stipulation or on loan, ^(which, in all probability, will become his own property) should not be shown therein.

On your tabular statement, in the column for agricultural implements and farm stock, you will mention the quantity serviceable, in the hands of the Indians, at that date, whether given under treaty, on loan, as presents, or acquired by their own industry.

I fancy it would be well to keep a separate account in your books, of all stock and implements obtained by the Indians under the latter means; but of course this should not include cattle the progeny raised by Indians from stock given them by Government.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
H. J. A. D. C.
Commissioner.

Indian Agent,
Saddle Agency
Calgary,
Alberta