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Ottawa, February 28th., 1919.

Sir,-

I am in receipt of your recent letter making request for garden seeds and also for seed grain on behalf of Indians of your agency for the coming spring; and in reply I have to request that you will explain why the cost of the seed furnished last year to the said Indians was not refunded in accordance with the instructions issued in March 1918.

You should forward to the Department without delay the names of the Indians requiring seed, and you should in every case give the name of the band to which the applicant belongs. The Department is prepared to furnish seed to deserving Indians who belong to bands which have funds on deposit, as payment for the seed can in that case be made from band funds. I may say that Indians should not look to the Department to furnish them with seed usually as a matter of course. It is only in exceptional cases that aid of this kind is given, but you should endeavour to make the Indians clearly understand that it is their duty to provide seed whenever possible wherewith to meet their requirements.

Your obedient servant,

W. McAllan Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Fort Fraser, B.C.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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