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Ottawa, 22nd May, 1909.

Sirs,

With reference to letter of the 2nd. of March last respecting your accounts amounting to \$990.30 for supplies issued during the winter of 1907 - 08 at your posts at Trout Lake and Chipewyan Lake, I beg to say that the Department has heard from the Rev. Mr. Weaver who reports that in the accounts there are the names of several ^{who} men, took scrip and mentions, Geo. Gray-eyes, Daniel and Samuel Houle, Saul Auger and Fred Grasshead, who should not have required assistance or at least the Department should not be charged with it.

There are several boys on the list who are charged with supplies to ~~some~~ extent as married men who have families to keep. The Cat is charged with \$19.25. His son John is charged with \$20.70, the latter is a young boy living at home. Saul Auger (Scrip) quite a boy living with his Uncle is charged with \$16.00. These charges require to be explained.

It is also reported that your Agents at these outposts had no authority to issue gratuitous rations and any rations issued were charged up to the individuals who are expected to pay for same. In some cases of ~~distress~~

Messrs. Revillon Bros.,

Edmonton.