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(\$40.00) and arrears (\$20.00) for the same number of persons for 1907. The amounts applied for were forwarded to the Agent for the Indians. These persons did not appear at the pay-table in 1908 or 1909 and consequently were not paid.

- No. 4. Arrears of \$12.00 are due this family for 1907. No explanation appears in the pay-list which apparently is due to the fact that the Indian Agent cannot at all times account for the absence of Indian payees from the pay-table.

ABITTIBI BAND

- Nos. 1 & 2 & 7. Cheques to pay arrears of annuities for the years 1906 and 1907 were sent to these families. They refused to accept them. The cheques were returned to the Department and cancelled. Meanwhile the claims were made on you for \$12.00, \$48.00 and \$8.00. The Department regrets having overlooked refunding these amounts to you.

The explanations asked for with respect to Nos. 53 and 3 Abittibi Band, and Nos. 159, 171 and 177 Fort Hope Band, will be communicated to you as soon as received from Inspector Ramsden, who is at present absent from headquarters upon official business.

The amount due this Department is \$6,588.00 or \$116.00 less than the amount shown in letter to you with which the statement was submitted. The mistake arose in connection with No. 17 Fort Albany Band, the payment of \$40.00 to Nos. 42 and 43 Flying Post Band, and
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