

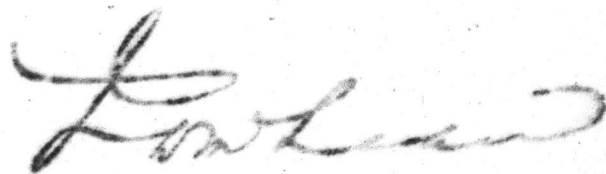
Ottawa, 20th May, 1912.

Sir:-

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter which the Department has received from Chief Frank Lockwood relative to a horse which he stated was supplied by the Department last year to James Debeau, upon the request of the late Indian Agent, Mr. Baxter. The Department desires to point out, in this connection, that you should be very careful in recommending the purchase of horses for Indians. Apparently this man did not use the animal for the purpose for which it was supplied, viz. to enable him to carry on successful farming operations.

It is unusual to purchase horses for Indians, but when an exception of this kind is made upon the recommendation of the Indian Agent, the officer making the recommendation should be very sure that it is advisable that the assistance be furnished, and also that the Indians will make proper use of the animal supplied.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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