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MINES AND RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 1.1-f.

Hobbema, Alberta.
17. Sept. 1943.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA, Ontario.

Lewis
Indian Indebtedness Statement
July, 1943.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your 40112-1,
1/9/7, dated the 23rd August, 1943, showing an item of \$34.00 deducted
from the Collectible Debts as at July 31 with the following notation,-
Written off by Auditor May 20th 1943, \$34.00.

So that you will better understand what has hap-
pened may I draw your attention to my letter B.6-a, dated 5th December,
1941, forwarded with a complete statement of indebtedness asked for by
Mr D.J. Allan, Superintendent, Reserves & Trusts. In this letter I inform
the Department that it was impossible to reconcile the debts owing to
Band Funds and the individual Indian debts shown on the Debt Journal
pages.

When Mr Butchart, Departmental Auditor was here, he
noticed an item on Louis Lightning's page as follows:-

1937. 1 Set Harness \$34.00
with a notation written by me that this Indian claims he never received
this harness.

This transaction occurred before I was appointed
Indian Agent here, and it was impossible to check up, so I gave the
Indian the benefit of the doubt and never tried to collect this amount.

I informed Mr Butchart of the difference between the
Dr and Cr side of the debt journal and he suggested writing off the set
of harness in dispute, which would bring both sides of the debt journal
more into line. I agreed to this and the amount was shown as adjusted by
the Auditor.

This set of harness was purchased from Samson Band
Funds in 1937 and issued to an Indian, but no record was kept of the
issue, and the debt was charged to an Indian who did not receive it.

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