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Ottawa, 4th. November, 1904.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24th. ultimo transmitting Quarterly Returns, and in connection with what you say as to the Indians having been killing and selling cattle indiscriminately without permission, to request you to report whether these animals were the bona fide property of the Indians, or whether they were held under the loan system, or were the progeny of cattle given under Treaty stipulations.

If the animals were held under the loan system you should state upon what condition and whether the same have been fulfilled, or if they were Treaty cattle or the progeny thereof, whether the killing or selling was done by individual Indians or was the joint action of the Band as a whole.

You will kindly inform the Department furthermore as to whether the Indians concerned are receiving any assistance in the way of rations or otherwise, and if so the nature of the same.

Your obedient servant,

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