

No. 248

OFFICE OF THE

Circular

Indian Commissioner,

North-West Territories,

Regina, 25th September, 1886.

Sir,

With further reference to my circular of the 28th August last, relative to the advisability of purchasing raw hides, instead of dressed leather, for the use of destitute Indians; I have the honor to inform you that it seems desirable that this should be done.

You may, therefore, purchase 9 raw hides of good quality, which you will then hand over to any Indians whom you may deem best able to thoroughly dress them; and when done, they are to be returned into your store, for issue, as moccasin-leather, in the usual manner. The Indians to be paid for dressing each hide, by having leather given to them; and, if this should prove impracticable, you may pay in cash, up to \$1²⁵ per hide.

The raw hides should not cost more than \$2⁵⁰; and in many districts can be purchased as low as \$1²⁵ each.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. J. Deed

Asst. Commissioner.

Indian Agent,
Peace Hills
re Calgary.

Oct 19/11/86

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