

a patient suffering from this disease daily, nor is it the custom to do so, and it would appear that unnecessary expense was incurred.

As to Elisa Quill and to the statement of Dr. Mead that an officer of the Royal North West Mounted Police wired the Department and brought him a telegram instructing him to look after the case, I may say that there does not appear to be any record of such authority. If the patient, however, was an Indian woman the Department will pay for the necessary attendance upon her but the charge of \$40.00 is considered high and furthermore it is not understood how it is made up. From the account it would appear that the Doctor made a trip one way of 20 miles for which he charges \$10.00 and \$3.00 for medicines and also makes charges of \$1.00 and \$26.00, and states that daily visits were made between the 24th and 29th September and between the 1st, 10th, 12th, 14th and 18th October, in all 12 daily visits. As it would appear that the patient was 20 miles distant from the doctor it is not supposed that he made these daily visits to her. No exception is taken to the charge of \$13.00 but the subsequent charges require to be fully explained.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter of the 30th November, No. 107, I beg to say that you may authorize Dr. Mead to treat cases of emergency without reference to you. He should be given to understand that he is not to treat every Indian who applies to him. You should communicate with the Principal and School Teacher on the reserves at Pine Creek and Water Hen, and request them to give Indians an order on the Doctor when they require medical treatment, but they should be given to understand that it is not intended that the Doctor