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St. John's, 18th April, 1911.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that Mr. Inspector Semmens has estimated for cattle for the Oxford House Band, namely two oxen, two cows and one bull. He states however, that he cannot recommend the purchase of the oxen before next Fall.

As for the cows he states that two animals were for sale by the Hudson's Bay Company at Oxford House for \$30.00 each. The Bull, he states, could be purchased at Norway House.

It has been ascertained from Mr. Semmens that the Indians have no stables, but they have promised to build them and to put up hay for the cattle during the coming summer.

The Department would be glad to give these Indians a start in the industry of stock raising, but it should be assured that they are in a position to take proper care of them.

The Department, therefore, desires that you will carefully look into the matter at the coming annuity payments, and if you find that it would be justified in supplying the cattle, you may purchase the cows from the Hudson's Bay Company, if the animals are not too old and suitable in every respect. You may also send a good grade bull from Norway House by the first opportunity.

Before supplying the oxen, the Department would like to have a report from you as to the advisability or otherwise of doing so.

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent,

Norway House, N.W.T.

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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