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Ottawa, October 3, 1906.

Sir,-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult., inclosing a communication from the Principal of the Regina Industrial School with reference to the cause of the fire which occurred at that institution on August 30, last, and also an estimate of the loss caused by the fire, and recommending that the Department reimburse the school for the loss of the quilts and blankets destroyed and pay for the repairs to the damage done to the building.

In reply I beg to inform you that we have the building repaired in accordance with the estimate furnished, but the Department, before dealing with your recommendation to reimburse the school for the loss of the quilts and blankets, would like a report from the Principal as to why the Department should pay this loss. It is presumed that the blankets and quilts destroyed were a reserve supply. If so, were they purchased out of the per capita grant or were they donations? The value placed upon these articles appears to be excessive. Upon receipt of this information the Department will be in a position to give a decided answer as to whether it will be disposed to make any ~~provisional~~ contribution and to what extent.

Your obedient Servant,



Secretary

The Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg, Man.

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