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DS-123 Norway House, Oct. 4th, 1939.

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AGENT'S REPORT ON NORWAY HOUSE AGCY. FOR JULY 1939.

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On the 24th, I had everything in readiness to leave with the treaty party for Island Lake at 8 A.M. by Wings Limited plane. At 11.30 A.M. as no plane had arrived, I sent a radiogram to the Wings office in Winnipeg to enquire the reason for the non-arrival of the plane. At 1.30 P.M. the pilot arrived at the agency by canoe, and advised me that his plane had blown out a cylinder about 25 miles from Norway House, and that he had wired to Winnipeg for a new engine, which would arrive the following morning. We eventually left Norway House for Island Lake on the 25th at 1.00 P.M. in bad weather, and arrived at Island Lake in a thunderstorm at 2.30 P.M. This plane was a small one and had to make two trips to get all the treaty party and baggage to Island Lake. On arrival, treaty payment was immediately commenced and the taking of census. I found that this band had divided into two separate camps for the payment, nine miles apart. It has for many years been the practice to pay treaty at this reserve at the R.C. Mission and U.C. Missions, on alternate years, these missions being nine miles distant from each other. This year, however the U.C. people made camp near their own mission, and in consequence the payment was made at two places instead of one. At the band meetings after the payment there was considerable argument about the matter, so I finally settled the matter by stating definitely that treaty would be paid at only one place each year, as in the past, owing to the possibility of there being rough weather, which would prevent the moving of the treaty camp from one place to another.

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