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Ottawa, December 30,

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant in reference to the matter of grant assistance to ex-pupils.

In reply I beg to say that the plan followed by the Department is the one suggested by you and for your information I am enclosing herewith a copy of the circular sent to the Principals and Agents for their guidance in these cases.

The Department would like you to state the cases or two where outfits have been supplied without the knowledge of the Agent as, if such action was taken, it was unintentional and no record can be found of these cases.

Among the first girls to be assisted under this arrangement were two of the Pelly Agency named Florence Severight and Victoria McVicar. In these cases the request came direct from the Principal and immediate action was asked for. The Rev. Mr. McWhinney was, therefore, asked to purchase certain articles of furnishings not to exceed in cost \$75.00 and on the same date the Agent, Mr. Blewett, was fully advised and the accounts certified by the Principal were to be transmitted through the Indian Agent's office. The Department has now called upon all Agents to report fully in reference to each case where assistance was granted. If the furniture in either of the

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