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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th, requesting us to forward \$100 worth of Indian Handicraft in time for your Bazaar on July 31st.

I regret to say that our entire stock of basketry is over-sold, by reason of orders placed with us during the winter months. We have not been able to organise any western reserves, and therefore have no beaded slippers at any time. As for quill boxes, none have been received for two years, although I actually sent porcupine skins from northern reserves down to some of the Ontario reserves where the workers said they could not obtain quills.

The only thing we have on hand, over and above any previous orders, are two styles of lapel novelties, one of which I enclose as a sample. The other style has the same medallion, but hanging from it are two tiny baskets. The wholesale price is \$1.80 per dozen, and they retail at not more than 30 cents each (under prices as set by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board).

I am very sorry not to be more helpful, but if you would like us to send along the lapel novelties I shall be glad to do so----up to 200 dozen.

Yours very truly,

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