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Rev. Sir:-

I beg to inform you that on this date I received the following telegram from Dr. W. A. McDonald, Sydney, C. B.:-

"Two families of Indians at their camping ground here within town limits have diphtheria and are quarantined. Nourishment immediately required. The town refuses to take charge. Wire me what steps to take".

On the same date I telegraphed Dr. McDonald as follows:-

"Telegram received. Communicate with Indian Agent, Christmas Island. In meantime supply what is absolutely necessary".

In connection with this matter I have to request that you will enquire fully into the circumstances stated by Dr. McDonald and report at once to the Department.

I have the honor to be,

Rev. Sir,

Your obedient servant

*H. S. Thompson*

Deputy Supt. General of  
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Rev. Angus Cameron, D. D.,  
Indian Agent,  
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