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Ottawa, August 21st., 1909.

Sir,-

I beg to inform you that Mr. H. Nichol, Indian Agent at Balcarres, has reported a shortage of \$6.00 in the annuity money forwarded to him by you. He states that the package was received from the Post Office with the seals intact and the contents were carefully counted by himself as well as by the Agency Clerk, Mr. Ferry, and both found a shortage of \$6.00 in a bundle of old one dollar bills. These officers report that they re-checked it three times to make sure, but with the same result. The total sum received, viz., \$3894.00 instead of \$3900.00, was all paid out to Indians and recorded in a Pay-list; the amount paid each family being entered separately and the total corresponds with the amount the Agent received, which is additional proof that the shortage really existed. The conclusion therefore is that unknown to your officers a package containing only 94 instead of 100 bills of one dollar denomination were forwarded.

For your information the slips received by the Agent with the package are herewith sent you.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

The Manager,

The Bank of Montreal,

WINNIPEG, Man.

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