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Ottawa, 5th May, 1915.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith an account of \$12.00 which you submitted recently from Mr. A. McLeod, merchant of Whycoomagh for relief supplies furnished to Peter Googoo. The charge therein of \$9.00 for a barrel of flour is considered too high. It is thought that flour of good quality should not cost more than \$8.00 a barrel. Mr. MacKay Matheson of Whycoomagh chose account of \$12.90 you submitted for supplies furnished in January and February charged at the rate of \$8.00 a barrel, and the Department fails to understand why Mr. McLeod, who resides in the same district, should charge at a higher rate. Merchants should not supply high grade pastry flour, such as Five Roses, to Indians. The grade known to the trade as second patent is good flour and should be furnished. This flour is of the quality which is generally used by bakers, and it can be purchased at the present time for \$8.00 a barrel. In every case where flour is given to Indians, good flour should be supplied, but, as above stated, you should guard against exorbitant prices being charged.

Your obedient servant,

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