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Ottawa, Aug. 13, 1915.

Rev. Sir,-

I re-enclose herewith, one copy of the voucher rendered at \$132.55 which you submitted recently from Messrs. Reddin Bros. for drugs and other supplies furnished Indians of your Agency.

It is observed that there is a charge of \$35.00 for a tent supplied on the 19th August to Mrs. Paul. This charge is much too high. In your telegram of the 19th July, you asked for authority, which was granted, to purchase a cheap canvas tent. The tent should not have cost more than \$15.00. The Department desires an explanation from you as to why a tent was procured at a cost of \$35.00. The charge should be reduced.

Kindly furnish further information with regard to the charges for drugs, and state upon what authority Messrs. Reddin Bros. have been supplying the same to Indians from all parts of Prince Edward Island. It is desired to point out that the Doctors' employed by the Department in Prince Edward Island are expected to provide the drugs which they prescribe for their Indian patients. Kindly ascertain definitely and advise the Department whether the drugs charged for in the account were furnished upon orders from Dr. Ledwell, or other medical men employed by the Department, or whether the drugs were procured by the Indians from Messrs. Reddin Bros. without a Doctor's order.

Rev. John A. McDonald,  
Indian Agent,  
Grand River, P.E.I.

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