

Ottawa 1st May, 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultime, regarding arrangements for the Treaty 9 trip, I beg to inform you that the Department deems the charge of \$7.00 per diem for rent of tents, canoes and equipment somewhat excessive. In the past the canoes alone have been rented for the trip to Fort Hope and return for \$75.00, or about \$2.50 per diem, so that the charge of \$4.50 per diem for use of tents, etc., seems much too high. Kindly furnish an itemized statement of how the charge

which you quote has been arrived at. *The charge of 4⁵⁰ for use of tents would appear to be sufficient to purchase them outright*

Your obedient servant.

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 Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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