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Ottawa, 7th January, 1907.

Sir,

The receipt from Mr. Cory, Farmer in charge of Moose Mountain, of his Cash Book statement for month of November makes it evident that he is not sufficiently familiar with the method or principle of keeping a cash-book, and as certain complications have already appeared in his accounts and as they may become further involved, it seems advisable that you should visit his Agency as soon as possible, or send your clerk, to adjust the accounts and to thoroughly instruct Mr. Cory in the methods which he should adopt. The cash statement for November is enclosed herewith. I observe that erroneous balance has been brought forward, and certain errors have crept into the statement. It would appear that Mr. Cory has paid for wood required for the Agency from funds in his hands. Of course, vouchers should have been forwarded for the wood purchased. There is a payment of \$9.00 to "Papa" without any receipt, and a receipt for a \$5.00 payment to Fred Waywinchecappe not entered in the statement.

He enters \$400.40 as the balance on hand, but the balance according to his statement should be \$399.00, although his "Details of balance" show \$571.39 and his Bank Certificate shows a balance in bank of \$574.51; he also attaches a statement showing \$28.59 paid to Indians for beef, and another statement showing wheat sold by Indians amounting to \$744.88, the object of which in connection with the statement is not apparent.

It might lead to the better conduct of the Agency if Mr. Cory had all his time to attend to the outside work,

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